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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: John E. Naulty, Chief of Police
Event: DEA National Take Back Initiative Event
Date / Time of Event: Saturday, October 24, 2020
10:00a.m. ~ 2:00p.m.
Location of Event: Fort Bragg Police Department
250 Cypress Street, Fort Bragg

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Fort Bragg Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will provide the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the police department at 250 Cypress Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

This October's event is DEA's 19th nationwide event since its inception 10 years ago.

Last fall, Americans turned in nearly 883,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected nearly 6,350 tons of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010.

To keep everyone safe, collection sites will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 24 Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com or contact the Police Department at (707) 961-2800.

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