



PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY BULLETIN



DEA OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY 2016 Saturday, October 22, 2016 10:00am – 2:00pm Pine Hill Police Administration Building

The Pine Hill Police Department will be participating in the DEA Operation Take Back New Jersey on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The event will be held at the Police Administration Building located at 48 West Sixth Avenue. The Department will be providing a safe and legal method for the residents of Pine Hill and surrounding jurisdictions to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medication. Information will also be available for local drug addiction support services and Operation SAL. Since January 2014, the Pine Hill Police Department has responded to over 80 reported drug overdoses and has deployed lifesaving naloxone in over 35 of those incidents.

From the DEA website: In October 2015, more than 3,800 federal, state and local counterparts took in more than 702,365 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted drugs at more than 5,000 collection sites across the United States. This was the tenth NTBI event since September 2010; cumulatively, these events have collected 5,525,021 pounds of drugs.

“The numbers are shocking—approximately 46,000 Americans die each year from drug-related deaths. More than half of those are from heroin and prescription opioids,” said Acting DEA Administrator Chuck Rosenberg. “With four out of five new heroin users starting with prescription medications, I know our take-back program makes a real difference.”

The NTBI addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. That same study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's NTBI events are also a significant piece of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's prescription drug abuse prevention strategy.

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PHPD & PROJECT MEDICINE DROP Permanent and Portable Drug Drop Boxes Available 24/7/365!

Since 2012, the Pine Hill Police Department has provided residents with a drug drop box as part of the Department's effort to combat the opiate addiction epidemic. The Department has recently joined the NJ Attorney General's Project Medicine Drop, which in addition to the permanent drop location; the department's new portable drug drop box will be available at many of the community outreach programs. Project Medicine Drop Box is located at the Police Administration Building. Residents may visit the Pine Hill Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused or excess medications.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the Pine Hill Police Department and NJ Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.



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