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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29 AT A RECORD 41 LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 14, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County announce the annual prescription drug Take Back Day, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at 41 locations throughout Montgomery County.

This spring's Take Back Day—which coincides with the DEA's nationwide Take Back Day—is the largest in terms of number of participating police department locations since Take Back Day began in Montgomery County in 2010. It's a chance for Montgomery County residents to clean out their medicine cabinets of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications and dispose of them easily in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Ridding medicine cabinets of these medications is an important step in combatting the growing opioid and heroin epidemic, which often begins with prescription medicines taken from a home medicine cabinet.

At the 2016 Take Back Days in Montgomery County, 5,637.7 pounds were collected in the spring and 5,943.9 pounds were collected in the fall for a record total of nearly 12,000 pounds or six tons of unwanted or expired medications. These numbers are from both unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications collected that day through resident drop-offs as well as the amounts collected by police departments through their permanent MedReturn boxes. More than 29,000 pounds of medicine has been collected since the program began in 2010.

"The growing participation in Take Back Day and the huge amount of medicine we are collecting reflects the growing awareness of the heroin and opioid epidemic and how important it is to get opioids like oxycodone out of medicine cabinets," said Steele. "Collecting unwanted medications is just one way the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement in Montgomery County are working together to combat drugs in our communities and decrease overdose deaths, which has spiked dramatically to 249 deaths in 2016. We're asking all residents to do their part by cleaning out their cabinets of unneeded medications and dropping them off April 29 at one of the many Take Back sites throughout the county."

The participating sites, listed below, will be staffed by police officers. The sites will accept prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams and ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications. Not accepted are intravenous and injectable solutions as well as needles. Prescription medicines can be in their original prescription bottles with the label removed or can be placed in plastic bags. This year's Take Back Day locations are:

- Abington Township Police Department, 1166 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001
- Cheltenham Township Police Department, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027
- Collegeville Police Department, 491 E. Main St., Collegeville, PA 19426
- Conshohocken Borough Police Department, 400 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428
- Douglass Township Police Department, 1320 E. Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- East Norriton Township Police Department, 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401
- Franconia Township Police Department/Indian Valley Character Counts Coalition at Peter Becker Community, 890 Maple Ave., Harleysville, PA 19438
- Hatboro Police Department, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro, PA 19040
- Hatfield Township Administration Building, 1950 School Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440
- Horsham Township Police Department at the Giant Food Store, 314 Horsham Rd., Horsham, PA 19044
- Jenkintown Borough Police Department, 700 Summit Ave., Jenkintown, PA 19046
- Lansdale Police Department: at the Lansdale YMCA, 608 E. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Limerick Township Police Department, 155 S. Limerick Rd., Limerick, PA 19468
- Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477
- Lower Merion Police Department, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
- Lower Moreland Township Police Department, 640 Red Lion Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
- Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department: at Sanatoga Fire Company, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Lower Providence Police Department, 100 Parklane Dr., Eagleville, PA 19403
- Marlborough Township Police Department, 6040 Upper Ridge Rd., Green Lane, PA 18054
- Montgomery Township Police Department: at Montgomery Township CRC, 1030 Horsham Rd., Montgomeryville, PA 18936
- New Hanover Township Police Department, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- Norristown Police Department, 235 E. Airy St., Norristown, PA 19401
- North Wales Borough Police Department, 300 School St., North Wales, PA 19454
- Pennsylvania State Police—Skipack, 2047 C Bridge Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

- Plymouth Township Police Department, 700 Belvoir Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
- Pottstown Police Department, 100 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Rockledge Police Department, 1 Park Ave., Rockledge, PA 19046
- Royersford Police Department, 300 Main St., Royersford, PA 19468
- Souderton Borough Police Department, 31 West Summit St., Souderton, PA 18964
- Springfield Township Police Department: at Flourtown Fire Company, 1526 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031
- Towamencin Township Police Department, 1090 Troxel Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Upper Dublin Police Department, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034
- Upper Merion Township Police Department, 175 West Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406
- Upper Moreland Township Police Department, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090
- Upper Perk Police Department, 88 W. Sixth St., Pennsburg, PA 18073
- Upper Pottsgrove Police Department, 1420 Heather Place, Pottstown, PA 19464
- Upper Providence Police Department, 1286 Black Rock Rd., Oaks, PA 19456
- West Conshohocken Borough Hall, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- West Norriton Township Police Department, 1630 W. Marshall St., Jeffersonville, PA 19403
- Whitmarsh Police Department, 616 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
- Whitpain Township Police Department, 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422

Beyond Take Back Day, unwanted medications can be dropped off and disposed of throughout the year at more than 50 permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Boxes, many sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe since it is not safe to flush unwanted medicines down the toilet. The complete list of permanent locations can be found on the District Attorney's Office website at www.montcopa.org/da.

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