

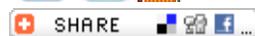
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## HARTFORD POLICE NEWS

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### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM IN HARTFORD - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

(Hartford) – The Hartford Police Department in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration will be participating in a prescription drug “Take-Back” campaign seeking to prevent increased pill abuse and theft by collecting all potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm at the State Capitol Building.**

“The Hartford Police Department is committed to making the community safer. This is why we have joined forces with the DEA. This joint public safety initiative provides a safe way for area residents to dispose of their unwanted prescription drugs. I urge everyone to go through their household cabinets, drawers, pocketbooks and briefcases. Collect all your unwanted, expired and unused prescriptions and bring them to the collection site this Saturday at the State Capitol Building.” said Hartford Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts.

Medicines left in home cabinets are susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse, accidental poisonings and overdoses are on the rise. Also many people are unaware that flushing unwanted drugs down the toilet or throwing them away creates a health and safety hazard.

Any area resident wishing to safely dispose of their unwanted prescription drugs may do so by driving through the **Capitol Avenue entrance** of the State Capitol Building. Participants may deposit their unwanted items without exiting their vehicle will then exit out the Trinity Street exit.

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