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“Forward-Thinking in Public Safety”

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Argyle PD to provide secure and sustainable disposal for prescription drugs at their office lobby.

Argyle Police Department has installed a “Med Return” box in its lobby, located at 506 N US 377. This secure container anonymously accepts expired and/or unwanted medications and prescription drugs to ensure safe and proper disposal. The “Med Return” machine is available during Police Department lobby hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to - 5:00 pm (no hours on Saturday or Sunday).

This program, which was funded by the Argyle Crime Control and Prevention District, has become increasingly important and assists with the prevention of overuse and/or misuse of prescription medication. According to the Center for Disease Control, prescription drugs, including opioids and antidepressants, are responsible for more overdose deaths than “street drugs” such as cocaine, heroin, and amphetamines. Overuse and/or misuse of prescription medications has become a significant problem throughout the United States of America. Studies show that 70 percent of teenagers who use prescription drugs non-medically get them from friends and family members.

Unwanted drugs and medications may be dropped off anonymously and all medications that are received are deposited into a locked and secured box within the Police Department. The public is encouraged to assist law enforcement by properly disposing of their unused prescription medication. This is a safer and more sustainable method of disposal than throwing away pills (keeps the medication out of the hands of children) and/or flushing them down the toilet and into the wastewater treatment or septic process.

Chief Tackett stated “Our DEA National Take Back Initiative (<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>) day was very successful with over 50 pounds of



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prescription medication collected; it however comes but once a year. We have decided that we can make our community safer and more secure by providing this important service to our community during normal business hours.”

Where – Lobby of the Argyle Police Department.

When - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday (normal business hours)

Yes- Accepted

Prescriptions
Over-the- counter medications
Vitamins
Samples
Medication for pets

NO-Not accepted

Thermometers
Needles (sharps)
Bloody or infectious waste
Medications from businesses or clinics
Hydrogen peroxide
Aerosol cans
Inhalers
Lotions
Ointments

Please feel free to contact us at 940-464-7254 for any further information.

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