



Suffield Police Department

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Suffield Police Department Receives Grant for Unwanted or Expired Prescription Medication Drop-Box

The Suffield Police Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant from CVS/pharmacy to install a drop-box. The drop-box is located at Suffield Police Headquarters, 911 Mountain Rd., Suffield, CT, and will provide Suffield residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

The new drop-box is intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70 percent of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a 2014 Partnership for Drug-Free Kids study. "Safely disposing of unused medication is critical to protecting our children and our environment," said Suffield Police Captain Richard Brown. "The Town of Suffield is proud to partner with CVS/pharmacy and we thank them for their commitment to help residents reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in our community", said Suffield First Selectman Melissa Mack.

The Suffield Police Department's new drop-box is now open to Suffield residents and ***small quantities*** of unwanted prescription drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked at any time. Residents are however asked to hold onto larger quantities of unwanted prescription drugs until Saturday, April 30, 2016, when, between 10 am. and 2 pm., they may bring them to the parking lot of the "new" CVS/ pharmacy located at 163 Mountain Rd. in Suffield. The Suffield Police Department will be on-hand there collecting unwanted medications as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take-Back Initiative. Residents are reminded that due to the health risks they pose to collection, removal and disposal workers, syringes, needles, similar other sharps and chemotherapy medications are ***not*** to be put in the drop-box nor are they to be brought to the collection site on April 30th. Residents may obtain information on how to properly dispose of needles and other sharps by visiting the Drug Enforcement Administration's website by logging onto www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov then clicking on "Questions and Answers" section followed by the "Drug Disposal Information" section.

The Suffield Police Department and CVS/pharmacy hope that you will join with us by participating in this program in efforts to make our community safer for everyone.