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Sheriff's Office Receives Drug Take-Back Box

SHERIFF'S OFFICE TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD A DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY

Greene County, Pennsylvania (10/27/2014) –

The Greene County Sheriff's Office is announcing that it has been awarded a grant from the CVS/pharmacy to install a drug collection unit. The new unit will be located at the Greene County Courthouse, lower (Church Street) entrance and will provide residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.



Sheriff Brian Tennant & Deputy Sheriff Joshua Sifuentes

The new unit 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.

The new Unit will also help Greene County prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medication.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to combating the use of illegal drugs and making our communities a safer place. Sheriff Tennant is pleased to offer this resource to the community and says "Safely disposing of unused medication is critical to protecting our children, our communities and our environment."

The drug collection unit is available for public access during normal courthouse hours, Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm. It is located just inside the courthouse doors, on the lower (Church Street) entrance to the courthouse. Anyone wishing to dispose of illegal drugs or unused medications is encouraged to place them anonymously into the unit.