

Bonneville County Sheriff's Office

News Release

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The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the second national Prescription Drug Take –Back Day on Saturday, April 30. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 605 N. Capital in Idaho Falls.

This is a free event sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to help prevent pill abuse and theft. This year there will be more than 4,700 sites nationwide for citizens to drop off their unwanted medications.

More than 242,000 pounds of drugs were turned in at the first event which was held last September. Around the same time Congress passed the Safe and Secure Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow users of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA is presently drafting regulations to implement the Act.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common drug abuse in the United States.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs got them from family and friends with a home medicine cabinet as a primary source.

We do not accept syringes. All liquid medications should be sealed in a zip lock style bag.

If you have any question please contact Sgt. Jeff Edwards at 529 1299 or Sgt. Doug Metcalf at 529 1350 ext 1158

