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“Pills Can Kill” Results

Carteret County law enforcement agencies held their fall “Pills Can Kill” take back program this past Saturday. As usual many citizens turned out in support of this program. Since the last take back event in the spring, including medications collected this past Saturday and medication collected in the Sheriff's Office Prescription Drug Drop Box over 139,000 dosage units (218 pounds) of prescription medication have been voluntarily turned in by Carteret County Citizens.



“We have been collecting a lot of medication on a daily basis in addition to our take back events we hold in the spring and fall each year. We now have a Prescription Drug Drop Box located in the public lobby at the Sheriff's Office where citizens can drop medication off anytime during normal business hours. This program continues to see tremendous amounts of medication removed from circulation and thereby reducing diversion and misuse of prescription medication” said Sheriff Asa Buck.

“We have been working hard on the enforcement end and we now have a prescription drug diversion investigator but our “Pills Can Kill” prescription drug turn in program has done the most to actually take these drugs out of homes and off the streets”.

“It is important to note that this program is dependent upon citizen participation. Our citizens realize the dangers these medications present when misused and they continue to take an active part in the safety of our community. That should make us all proud” said the Sheriff.

Prescription medication is now the number one drug of choice, ahead of marijuana, for first time drug use among young people. Prescription drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death among adults in the United States surpassing motor vehicle crashes.