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**New Albany Police, Plain Township Fire,
Drug Enforcement Administration, & Kroger
Partner to Collect Old Medications**

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

(New Albany, Ohio) Unintentional drug poisoning is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States and the leading cause of injury death in Ohio. Worse yet, four out the five top drugs abused by 12th graders are prescription or non-prescription medications.

Based upon these facts, one could argue that America's biggest drug problem is not on the street, but in our home medicine cabinets. That's why the New Albany Police, Plain Township Fire, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Kroger have teamed up to provide a place where New Albany-area residents can turn in unused or expired prescriptions.

On Saturday, September 25, from 10 AM - 2 PM, New Albany-area residents can take all undesired pill or capsule medications in their households to the Plain Township Fire Station, located at 9500 Johnstown Road. For more information, contact the Plain Township Fire Department at 614.855.7370.

No liquid medications will be accepted. Additionally, no prescription bottles will be taken, only the drugs inside the bottles will be accepted. Kroger Pharmacy staff will distribute flyers advising people of the best ways to re-cycle their prescription bottles.

"I'm glad to be able to take part in this prescription drug collection," said New Albany Police Chief Mark Chaney. "Getting old, unused, or out-dated medications disposed of in a safe manner makes our entire community safer."

The drugs collected will be incinerated according to federal and state environmental guidelines.

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