



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Prescription Take Back Day RESULTS
Location: Schools in Boone County
Date & time: 6/12/10 0900-1200
Case Number: N/A

Details:

More than 43,000 prescription tablets and liquid medications were turned in by citizens during Prescription Take Back day at schools throughout Boone County last Saturday (6/12/10).

The event sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and the Youth Coalition Committee received a wide range of medicine which will be safely destroyed in an environmentally sound manner at the Columbia city landfill. Approximately 200 citizens dropped off expired or unused medicine at Hickman and Rock Bridge high schools, as well as those in Ashland, Harrisburg, Hallsville, Sturgeon and the intermediate school in Centralia.

"This was a tremendous success. It even surpassed my expectations," Sheriff Dwayne Carey said. "I look forward to continue to work with the Youth Community Coalition and partner doing Prescription Take Back days in the future."

Law enforcement has seen a surge lately in the abuse of stimulants, depressants and opioids by teenagers and others. The goal of the Prescription Take Back Day was to bring awareness to the problem and provide an appropriate channel to properly dispose of the medicine. Depressants such as Klonopin and Xanax along with opioids Oxycotin and Vicodin with an estimated "street value" of \$40,000 were recovered.

The Sheriff's Department appreciates all the support it received for this event from the police departments in Ashland, Centralia, Hallsville and Sturgeon as well as the school districts in Boone County, the many volunteers and the department's Explorer Post #2121.

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