



News Release
Ashland Police Department
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Douglas A. Goodman, Chief
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Got Drugs?

Where: Ashland Police Department
601 England Street

When: Saturday, April 30, 2011
10:00am to 2:00pm

On Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Ashland Police Department will partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency to take part in the first nationwide prescription drug take back.

There will collection sites operating around the nation to include the Ashland Police Department where Americans can turn in their unused, unneeded, expired prescription medications. We will not ask questions concerning prescription drugs needing to be disposed; we do ask not to bring syringes or any other street drug. Drugs can stay in its original sealed container or emptied in the bin.

- Unused or expired prescription medications are public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. It is highly suggested not to hold on to expired medications. Homes containing children or elderly are especially vulnerable to this danger and need to take preventative steps, including getting rid of old medications.
- Every day, on average, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. Fifty-six percent of teens believe that prescription drugs are easier to get than illicit drugs. Sixty-three percent of teens believe that prescription drugs are easy to get from friends' and family's medicine cabinet.

To learn more about the dangers of prescription drugs please visit the following websites:

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>

<http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/>

http://www.dare.com/kids/index_3.htm

For more information pertaining to the event occurring at the **Ashland Police Department on April 30, 2011 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm**, please contact Officer Tommy Gilbert with the Ashland Police Department at (804) 412-0615 www.ashlandpolice.us
