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**COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH SHERIFF'S PRESCRIPTION
DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH SAFE DISPOSAL OF
UNUSED, EXPIRED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

September 22, 2017 - The Countryside Police Department is pleased to partner with the Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program. The Sheriff's Program has provided a permanent collection box for use by Countryside residents to anonymously dispose of used and outdated prescription drugs. The Sheriff's Program also destroys these materials free of charge. The collection box is located at the Countryside Police Department, 5550 East Avenue, Countryside, IL.

The prescription drug take-back program began in 2012 when the Cook County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), promoted the importance of proper disposal of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. It began with a directive from Sheriff Dart to post collection boxes at each circuit courthouse and county building, enabling residents to more conveniently and anonymously dispose of their medications while facilitating the proper control and disposal of unused prescription drugs. Through sponsorship of local pharmaceutical take-back events, this directive expanded into the Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program.

In January 2017, the Cook County Safe Disposal of Pharmaceuticals Ordinance went into effect, establishing the Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program as the lead law enforcement agency in Cook County to manage collection and disposal of unused and expired prescription drugs. This free program focuses on both public and private entities.

More information is available on the Countryside Police Department Website (www.countrysidepolice.org) under the Programs link and "Prescription Drug Take Back Program".

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