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**PRESS RELEASE**

***SPRING CLEANING ??***

***When you do your spring cleaning, clean out your old, unused, and expired medications from your home.***

Citizens looking to dispose of excess expired and unwanted prescriptions and over the counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at 221 C st., at the Rock Springs Police Department (RSPD) lobby, Rock Springs, Wy. The collection site is open and accessible 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Drugs can be dropped off easily quickly, and with no questions asked.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain killers get them through friend and family, a statistic that includes raiding friends and families' medicine cabinets. Among youth who are 12-17 years of age, 7.4 percent report using prescription drugs for non-medical use.

Last year the Prevention Management Organization of Sweetwater County (PMOSC) partnered with the RSPD to establish and maintain a permanent drug collection program in order to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm teens and adults. The purchase of the drug collection unit was made with funds from the "Partners for Success" federal grant CFDA#93.243 that was awarded to the Wyoming Department of Health and managed by the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP)

The drug collection unit is produced by Med Return, LLC of Grafton, Wisconsin. They are committed to providing a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way to help law enforcement agencies and communities collect unwanted or expired household medications, including prescriptions, over the counter drugs and unused pharmaceuticals.

(picture next page)

Chief Pacheco with the Med drop box  
in the lobby at RSPD





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