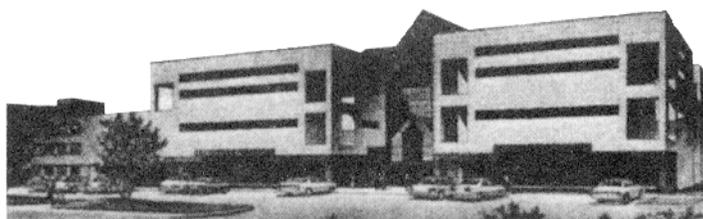


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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On April 30, 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) coordinated a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin. The focus was on removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from our state's medicine cabinets and preventing them from going into our water supply.

Sheriff Eric Severson maintains his continuous support of working toward getting heroin and other drugs off our streets. Because of this commitment, for this collection, he dedicated his resources to be the point of contact for all the communities' throughout the state for packaging and disposal.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department teamed up with the Department of Justice as well as the City of Brookfield, Village of Menomonee Falls, Village of Elm Grove, Village of Mukwonago, City of Delafield, Town of Delafield, City of New Berlin and Village of Pewaukee at collections sites for the take back event. This one-day effort was to continue to bring focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. This event was a great opportunity for law enforcement agencies who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs in drop boxes, to safely dispose of those medications.

The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

**The Waukesha County collection results are as follows in pounds:**

City of Brookfield	614	Village of Pewaukee	323	Village of Elm Grove	151
City of Oconomowoc	232	Village of Hartland	323	City of Waukesha	271
Waukesha Sheriff	632	Town of Oconomowoc	4	City of Muskego	501
Menomonee Falls	1,081	Village of Mukwonago	373	City of Delafield	60
Town of Delafield	70	City of New Berlin	683		

**Grand total: 5,318 pounds**

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