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(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – **Montgomery participates in National Prescription Drug Take Back Event.**

The City of Montgomery Police Department, partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Bethesda North Hospital, will conduct a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Bethesda North Hospital south parking lot. Members of the news media are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first national event on September 25, 2010, the DEA is again sponsoring a national campaign to remove expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances from home medicine cabinets. Montgomery Police, Bethesda North Hospital and the DEA will again provide a venue for Montgomery residents who want to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs. This is a great opportunity for those who may have missed the previous events or have subsequently accumulated more unwanted, unused prescription drugs to safely dispose of them in a controlled manner.

This is a free service and drop-offs are anonymous. Tablets, capsules and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted.

“We encourage residents to take advantage of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Event and address a vital public safety and public health issue. Residents can help us remove a potential source of controlled substances known to be abused. According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, every day, on average, 2,500 teens abuse prescription drugs. A majority of those drugs are obtained from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet,” explained Montgomery Police Detective Don Jasper.

During the first National Prescription Drug Take Back Event, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies in all 50 states disposed of more than 121 tons of pills turned over by the American people. This effort was hugely successful in providing a venue to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our communities. According to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health, seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs. By removing unwanted or unused prescription drugs from the nation’s medicine cabinets, communities and their citizens can address a vital public safety and public health issue.

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