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NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: DISPOSE OF EXPIRED, UNWANTED OR UNUSED PRESCRIPTIONS

Clearwater, Fla. - The Clearwater Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), other law enforcement agencies and partnering businesses is participating in National Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The event is an opportunity for citizens to safely discard unused or expired prescription medications, with no questions asked.

Citizens can stop by **Westfield Countryside Mall** (parking lot area south of Lifestyles Fitness Center, on the east side of the Countryside Mall) and drop off their prescription medications for safe collection and disposal. No bio-hazards or needles will be accepted and that the program is intended for private citizens of Pinellas County and not for commercial use.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

