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PRESS RELEASE

**MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES BACK NEARLY 160 POUNDS OF UNWANTED
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

On October 26, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Milpitas Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) gave the public its seventh opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Residents brought their medications to Milpitas Police Department for the free and anonymous, no questions asked service. Additionally, the Milpitas Police Department worked with the staff of two senior citizen housing complexes within Milpitas to provide a mobile drop off site at each location for their residents.

A total of 158.5 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in by Milpitas residents. This was nearly double the number of pounds collected at the last event in April of this year.

The Drug Enforcement Administration Northern California Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative had a record breaking 227 collection sites, hosted by 156 law enforcement agencies and a record breaking collection of approximately 19 tons of unwanted, unused, and expired medications. As a bonus, this disposal collection was also converted into energy through their community partner at Covanta Energy, Crows Landing California. The safe and secure collection and disposal of these medications not only saves lives, but protects the environment and ecosystem.

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