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La Habra Police Department Press Release

LA HABRA PD TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

La Habra, CA – On Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the La Habra Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 13th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the La Habra Police Department at 150 N. Euclid Street. (While the DEA cannot accept needles or sharps, only pills or patches, the La Habra Police Department has made separate arrangements so that sharps and needles may be disposed of that day as well.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (over 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 7.1 million pounds—more than 3,500 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

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For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or to learn more about the April 29 Take Back Day event and other drop off locations, call 1 (800) 882-9539.

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