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### **National Take Back Initiative**

On October 22, 2016 the Roanoke Police Department and the DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our area's medicine cabinets. Collection activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Police Department, located at 609 Dallas Drive. The National Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

- The program is anonymous.
- Prescription and over the counter solid dosage medications, i.e. tablets and capsules accepted.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

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