



Drug Take-Back and Disposal

.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Bladensburg Police Department to provide the community with a safe and anonymous way to dispose of expired or unwanted drugs and medications.

The Department has established a drop box outside the front entrance of the police station. The box is securely affixed and is monitored by surveillance cameras.

In addition to providing ultimate users with a safe and secure way to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, it provides an environmentally friendly alternative to other methods of disposal. This program will aid in preventing accidental poisonings, reduce crime related to prescription drug abuse, burglary, and drug misuse by children. Environmentally, it will help prevent tainted water supplies and will keep those drugs out of landfills.

.02 Terms

Ultimate User: a "person who has lawfully obtained, and who possesses, a controlled substance for his own use or for the use of a member of his household or for an animal owned by him or by a member of his household."

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation:

Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010.

Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.).

Disposal of Controlled Substance (21 CFR Parts 1300, 1301, 1304, et al.).

Forms:

Property Log (Form 669).

Property Tag (Form 670).

Reference:

General Order 303, Property and Evidence.

DEA regulations provide specific language that will continue to allow Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement to maintain collection receptacles at the law enforcement's physical location; and either independently or in partnership with private

entities or community groups, to voluntarily hold take-back events and administer mail-back programs (21 CFR 1317.35).

.04 Procedure

The program will be overseen by the Support Services Commander who shall have sole access to the drop box. He will coordinate with the Property Custodian to regularly collect and document the contents. A property record shall be maintained by the Property Custodian.

Collection

Collected pharmaceutical products shall be handled as drug evidence and stored and destroyed in accordance with General Order 303.

No effort should be made by personnel to count, inventory, or log individual medications. Drop box contents shall be packaged and weighed as a single lot.

Although the public is discouraged from depositing intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes, personnel should cautiously collect and package drop box contents to avoid the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

Boxes or plastic bags shall be sealed with tamper-evidence tape or heat sealed. Each box or plastic bag shall be labeled as "Miscellaneous Pharmaceuticals for Destruction."

Destruction

The Property Custodian shall transport Drug Take-Back Program property to the destruction facility, accompanied by a commissioned officer or noncommissioned supervisor. The sealed containers will be placed in an incinerator for destruction. The assigned employee and witness shall remain until all narcotics have been destroyed.

The Chain of Custody Log shall be stamped "DESTROYED," the disposition documented at the Property Storage Facility, and the Chain of Custody Log forwarded to the Records Section for closure.

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HISTORY: Adopted May 1, 2015

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

Authority:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Owens". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, looping letters.

Charles L. Owens
Chief of Police