

Sutter Sheriff's Office Participates in DEA Prescription Take-Back Program

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The American people have again responded in droves to the most recent DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. On October 26, 2013, citizens turned in 647,211 pounds (324 tons) of expired and unwanted medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,683 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. This is the second-largest collection of medications in seven Take-Back Days. When the results of the seven events to date are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) of medication from circulation.

The State of California's total was 72,850 pounds (36 tons). Sutter County collected 118 pounds, and we are part of the San Francisco Division which collected a total of 37,864 pounds. We in Sutter County collected a respectable amount of prescription drugs that day, considering we have a collection site at the Sheriff's Office that is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all those that participated, advertised and promoted this event. This event greatly reduced the potential for diversion, misuse or abuse.

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