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**Press Release from the Beaver County District Attorney**

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**National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative**

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

Prescription drug abuse is a huge problem and this is a great opportunity for folks around the county to help reduce the threat. Please clean out your medicine cabinet and make your home safe from drug theft and abuse by taking your old and unused prescription drugs to one of the designated collection sites on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

During the last National Prescription Drug Take Back Day held in April 2016, a total of 573 pounds of capsules and tablets were collected averaging 47 pounds per police department. Since that time, the District Attorney's office has supplied permanent prescription drug take-back boxes in several locations throughout Beaver County in order to provide a place for our residents to properly dispose of unused and expired prescription drugs. These permanent locations are open Monday-Friday.

Representatives of the local police departments and the Beaver County Detective Bureau will staff each take back location from 10am-2pm on Saturday October 22, 2016, as follows:

## Permanent Prescription Drop-Off Boxes

|    | SITE  | ADDRESS   |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | Ambridge Police Department                  | 600 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ambridge, PA 15003 |
| 2  | Beaver Borough Police Department            | 469 Third Street, Beaver, PA 15009              |
| 3  | Beaver County Courthouse                    | 810 Third Street, Beaver PA 15009               |
| 4  | Beaver Falls Police Department *            | 715 15th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15009         |
| 5  | Brighton Township Police Department         | 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009            |
| 6  | Center Township Police Department           | 224 Center Grange Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001     |
| 7  | Chippewa Township Police Department         | 2811 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010    |
| 8  | Economy Borough Police Department           | 1000 Ken Campbell Way, Baden, PA 15005          |
| 9  | Hopewell Township Police Department         | 1700 Clark Blvd., Aliquippa, PA 15001           |
| 10 | Midland Police Department                   | 936 Midland Avenue, Midland, PA 15059           |
| 11 | Monaca Police Department                    | 928 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061       |
| 12 | New Brighton Police Department              | 610 Third Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066        |
| 13 | New Sewickley Township Police Dept.         | 233 Miller Road, Rochester, PA 15074            |
| 14 | North Sewickley Township Municipal Building | 899 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010         |

*\*Beaver Falls Police Department box provided by CVS Pharmacy*

*Please Note: Ambridge Police Department's new permanent box will not be available to accept drop-offs on Saturday, October 22, 2016.*



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