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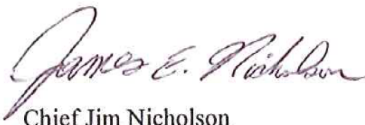
The New Castle Police Department along with the Area Drug Task Force have partnered with the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) to launch a program designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in New Castle and Henry County homes that are either no longer needed or outdated. These same drugs unfortunately have become the target of theft and misuse, oftentimes by people who have access to the residence. America's 12 to 17 year olds have made prescription drugs the number one substance of abuse for their age group, and much of that supply is unwittingly coming from the medicine cabinets of their parents, grandparents, and friends. More and more adults recognize the need to remove these substances from the home and legally and safely turn them over to their local police for proper chain of custody and court ordered destruction. Law Enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications and process them properly so that they do not fall into the wrong hands. Officers assigned to the Drug Task Force take control of and destroy drugs on a regular basis as part of their duties.

Through a grant from NADDI, your New Castle Police Department has installed the NADDI Rx Prescription Drug drop box just inside the main lobby of police headquarters. The drop box is for citizens to dispose of their prescriptions that are either outdated or no longer of any use to the family. Citizens may also dispose of drugs anonymously, if they have possession of controlled substances. Many times in the past family members would flush the old or unwanted prescriptions down the toilet; however that process contaminates our local waterways and drinking water.

The Rx Prescription Drug drop box is open for the public to use Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM until 4:00 P.M. (excluding holidays). After hours use is still available, however citizens will need to use the phone in the outer lobby to call dispatch to have a police officer unlock the main lobby door. The public is encouraged to take advantage of this program.

There is an information sheet located on top of the drop box that, answer the question, "What Can I turn in?"

If you have any questions, please feel free to call headquarters at 521-6808 or the Drug Task Force office at 521-DRUG (3784).

  
Chief Jim Nicholson