

PRESS RELEASE

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The Lawrence Township Police Department announces it has collected over one ton of unused, unwanted and expired prescription medication in its Project Medicine Drop box

A service the police department provides to the community is Project Medicine Drop. Project Medicine Drop is a program offered in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs that allows citizens to dispose of unused, expired or unwanted medications 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In January of 2014, the Lawrence Township Police Department installed a drop box in the lobby of the Police and Courts Building. Citizens are encouraged to dispose of their unwanted medication in the drop box to prevent them from falling into the hands of those who might make them available for abuse, and to prevent them from being flushed into the water supply or thrown into the trash where they could contaminate the environment.

In the three years the program has existed, over one ton of medications has been collected and properly destroyed. In 2016 the Lawrence Township Police Department collected 876 pounds of medications in our drop box. This amount exceeded 2015's total of 652 pounds and 2014's total of 551 pounds of medications.

Destruction of the collected medication is done in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Lawrence Township Mayor David Maffei urges citizens to clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of their unwanted medications in our drop box.

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