



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# MEDIA ADVISORY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- What:** Safe Prescription Drug Drop-Off Grand Opening
- When:** Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
- Where:** San Diego Police Department  
Northwestern Division  
12592 El Camino Real, San Diego
- Contact:** Assistant Chief Boyd Long  
(619) 531-2745

Prescription drug abuse is currently being reported by law enforcement agencies across the country as their greatest threat. In addition, unsafe disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications is costly to the environment.

In an effort to better serve city residents, the San Diego Police Department is testing a "Safe Prescription Drug Drop-Off" program which was introduced on May 20, 2010 at the Department's Southeastern Division. Today, the Department's second location will begin service at the Northwestern Division station.

A reinforced mailbox has been installed on the north side of the substation at the pedestrian gate. Community members can drop off unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications seven days a week, 24 hours a day, no questions asked. Police officers will check the box daily, collect the contents and prepare them for disposal that is eco-friendly and in accordance with Federal and State laws.

This program not only helps to protect the environment, it can also deter the usage of prescription drugs by unintended parties – including young people facing peer pressure and seeking new ways to "get high." The San Diego Police Department constantly strives to be proactive in enhancing public safety and saving lives.

Chief William Lansdowne, City Councilmember Sherri Lightner, District 1 and Deputy Public Utilities Director Steve Meyer invite you to clean out your medicine cabinets and join them in protecting your families and our communities.

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