



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: May 19, 2010

What: Safe Prescription Drug Drop-Off

When: Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: San Diego Police Department
Southeastern Division
7222 Skyline Drive, San Diego

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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 will be introduced on May 20, 2010 at the Department's Southeastern Division.

A reinforced mailbox has been installed in the lobby of the substation. Community members can drop off unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., no questions asked. Additional drop-off hours are scheduled on the last Saturday of each month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Police officers will check the box daily, collect the contents and prepare 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 new ways to "get high." The San Diego Police Department constantly strives to be proactive in enhancing public safety and saving lives.

Chief Bill Lansdowne and City Council President Tony Young invite you to clean out your medicine cabinets and join them in protecting your families and your communities.

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