

**Mark C. Curran Jr. Sheriff**

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### **Sheriff Curran Announces Participation in DEA Drug Take Back at Three Locations on October 27, 2018**

**Waukegan, IL** – Sheriff Mark Curran is encouraging the public to participate in the DEA Drug Take Back on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Twice each year, the Lake County Sheriff's Office partners with DEA on the national 'Drug Take Back' program encouraging the public to prevent substance abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous and offered at the following three locations:

- Beach Park Village Hall located, 11270 W. Wadsworth Road, Beach Park
- Long Grove Fire Protection District, 1165 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove
- St. Peter's Catholic Church, 27551 Volo Village Road, Volo

Sheriff Mark Curran reminds the public, "Unused prescription drugs in home medicine cabinets are highly susceptible to abuse. The DEA Drug Take Back is an opportunity to get rid of unused and expired medicine in an environmentally friendly manner. Medical students from Rosalind Franklin University will also be on hand to provide complimentary blood pressure screenings. Join us at one of three locations in Lake County."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office and several local law enforcement agencies participate in the Save-A-Star prescription drug disposal program. A disposal box is located at the Sheriff's Office, 25 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Waukegan. To find a prescription drug disposal box close to you visit our website at <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/581/Prescription-Drug-Disposal-Box-Program>.

Last year, Lake County's law enforcement agencies collected over 13,000 pounds of unwanted, unused and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, a whopping 21% increase over the 2016 total.

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