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## Fall Prescription Drug Take Back

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, the Lake City Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and collected 17 pounds of medications.

This nationwide initiative offers individuals an opportunity to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired medications, effectively combating the growing addiction crisis.

During these events, citizens can dispose of prescription bottles or directly deposit medications into the disposal box without needing to remove label information, promoting comfort and convenience. Veterinary prescriptions are also accepted and subsequently incinerated by the DEA after collection.

Please note that illicit substances, needles, inhalers, or compressed air cylinders are not accepted, and local healthcare facilities are not permitted to participate in these events. Prescription drug disposal was available at the Lake City Police Department from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., offering anyone the opportunity to dispose of prescriptions anonymously.

"Prescription drug disposal is a vital aspect of public safety," said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "These initiatives provide a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused medications, preventing their misuse and abuse. Participation in these programs helps protect loved ones and contributes to a safer and healthier community."



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