April 30 North Myrtle Beach Community Medicine Drop-Off Day Yields 15,268 Units of Controlled Prescription Drugs, Non-Controlled Substances and Over-the-Counter Drugs

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC — On April 30 the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety held a Community Medicine Drop-Off Day at North Village Shopping Center and collected 15,268 units of controlled prescription drugs, non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs.

About 1,295 dosage units of controlled prescription drugs and 13,973 dosage units of non-controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs were taken for a total of 15,268 units.

The department’s April 30 drop-off event was held in conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

According to North Myrtle Beach Police Chief Rick Buddelmeyer, the DEA asked participating public safety agencies to also weigh the drugs they collected at their April 30 events. Including packaging, the total weight of medicines collected in the North Myrtle Beach event was 38 pounds.

“We have held three Community Medicine Drop-Off Days so far,” Buddelmeyer said, “and we have collected a total of 71,500 units of controlled prescription drugs, non-controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs. We appreciate the public’s participation in our drop-off events.”

Shown left to right in the above event photo are North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Officers Bobby Hall and John Marrero. (Photo Courtesy of Tom O’Dare, Editor, North Myrtle Beach Times)