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Community Medicine Drop-Off Event Successful

North Myrtle Beach, SC – On September 29, the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety, as part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency’s National Take Back Initiative Day, conducted a Community Medicine Drop-Off in the Walmart parking lot at 550 Highway 17 North. Officers also checked and properly installed children’s car seats for parents and grandparents.

130 people took advantage of the event to remove various unused and expired controlled drugs, legend drugs, and over the counter medications from their homes. An estimated 34,289 dosage units and 3,116 cc liquid dosage units were collected during the drop-off event. That total includes 3,742 dosage units of controlled drugs; 25,785 dosage units of legend drugs; 3,116 cc liquid dosage units of legend drugs; and 4,762 dosage units of over the counter medications. The collected drugs weighed 355 pounds.

Officer Pam Hucks with the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) assisted in verifying the pharmaceuticals that were dropped off and she also estimated the count for accountability purposes.

The Public Safety Department holds its Community Medicine Drop-Off Days to provide people with the opportunity to remove unused and expired prescription and other medications from their home. This helps prevents accidental drug use by curious children and intentional experimental drug use by teens and adults.