

# Anoka County Sheriff's Office

In Partnership with  
Blaine PD, Centennial Lakes PD, Columbia Heights PD, Fridley PD, St. Francis PD

## *PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK*

The *Prescription Drug Take Back* addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

In 2013, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, along with its law enforcement partners, collected 1,778 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs and safely disposed of them.

The goal of the *Prescription Drug Take Back* is to provide a convenient drop off location for the public to dispose of unwanted or unused prescription drugs.

Due to the public response and the on-going issues surrounding prescription drug abuse, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, along with its law enforcement partners, provides an on-going *Prescription Drug Take Back Program*.

The *Prescription Drug Take Back* will accept unwanted prescription drugs from non-commercial, residential users only. No syringes, needles, or other hazardous materials will be accepted. Participation in the *Prescription Drug Take Back* is free and anonymous; all prescriptions will be disposed of with "no questions asked."

### **DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

Anoka County Sheriff's Office  
13301 Hanson Blvd. NE  
Andover, MN 55304  
763-323-5000  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Blaine Police Department  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine, MN 55449  
763-785-6168  
Hours: 7:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Centennial Lakes Police Department  
54 North Road  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
763-784-2501  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Columbia Heights Police Department  
825 41st Avenue NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
763-706-8100  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Fridley Police Department  
6431 University Avenue NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
763-572-3629  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Francis Police Department  
4058 St. Francis Blvd. NW  
St. Francis, MN 55070  
763-753-1264  
Hours: 6:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

