

DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day a Success

October 9, 2012

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, the Hall County Sheriff's Office participated in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The event is a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) initiative to partner with local law enforcement agencies in an effort to prevent increased illegal pill abuse and theft and to encourage their proper disposal. Saturday's event was the fifth time the Hall County Sheriff's Office has participated in the effort.

Conducted by the Sheriff's Office at in two locations, Target of Flowery Branch and Kroger on Thompson Bridge Road, by the Gainesville Police Department at their headquarters, and by the Oakwood Police Department at their offices, the event offered an anonymous way for citizens to dispose of unwanted or unused medications. All sites combined netted a total of 196 pounds of prescription medications, shattering the County's previous high total of 59 pounds.

In addition to The DEA and local law enforcement agencies, the event was supported by Safe Kids of Gainesville-Hall County and the Drug Free Coalition of Hall County.

The DEA has tentative plans to continue the program by scheduling an event every six months, an effort the Sheriff's Office will continue to support.