



**CITY OF CYPRESS POLICE
DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE**



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date/Time of Occurrence: Saturday, April 30, 2011 - 10:00 AM to 2 PM

Location of Incident: Cypress Police Department
5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

**Cypress Police Department to participate in
US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration
(DEA)
“National Take Back Day”**

Brief Narrative of Incident:

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will sponsor “National Take Back Day” (NTBD) in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and community partners to provide an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unneeded pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. Removing these potentially dangerous drugs from our homes not only reduces risks to public health and safety, but participation in this one-day event also helps bring national attention to the increasing problem of pharmaceutical abuse in the United States.

This event addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

The Cypress Police Department will participate in the National Take Back Day. This one day event will take place April 30, 2011, between 10 am and 2 pm, in front of the Cypress Police Department. Citizens can

simply drive through the police department parking lot and drop off their expired, unwanted, or unneeded medications with no questions asked. Other collection sites will be available in Orange and surrounding counties. Please visit www.dea.gov for more information on other collection sites. This website is continuously updated with new take-back locations.

- Collections are completely anonymous. No questions asked.
- All prescription and over-the-counter medications in solid dosages, such as tablets and capsules, will be accepted.
- No intravenous solutions, injectable items, or needles will be accepted.
- Illegal substances such as marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine are not part of this initiative.

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