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STARK COUNTY DRUG TAKE BACK DAY COLLECTS 1,391 LBS. OF MEDICATION
Sixteen countywide locations report more than half a ton in total

Stark County, OH (Sept. 29, 2015) – The Stark County Sheriff’s Office reported that 1,391 lbs. of medicine was collected during Stark County’s Drug Take Back Day.

The all countywide effort, led by the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, Stark County Anti-Drug Coalition, Stark County Opiate Task Force and Stark County Police Chiefs’ Association, with the participation of 16 drop-off locations, took place Sat., Sept. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. After the event, the drugs were weighed and incinerated at high temperature without harm to the environment.

Community partnerships with Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center, Vail Industries, the Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne Recycling District and Republic Steel supported the event. The goal was to help residents safely dispose of unwanted, expired and unneeded prescriptions, keeping dangerous drugs out of the illicit supply pipeline.

Stark County residents can drop off medications at any of 14 permanent collection boxes located throughout the county. For permanent drug box locations, please visit StarkMHRsb.org/DrugCollection.

For more information please visit StarkMHRsb.org/DrugTakeBackDay or for event questions, please contact Health and Wellness Manager Fran Gerbig at fgerbig@starkmhrs.org or 330-430-3949.

About Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County is a multi-faceted organization of expert professionals, dedicated volunteers and concerned community leaders close to mental health and addiction needs right here at home. MHRsb is responsible for planning, funding and monitoring public mental health and addiction prevention, early intervention and treatment services delivered to the residents of Stark County. It is one of about 50 boards coordinating the public behavioral health system across Ohio. The Board also advocates for residents with behavioral health issues at both the local and state levels and provides educational opportunities for local providers and other community stakeholders. For more online about the work of the Board, visit www.starkmhrs.org.

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