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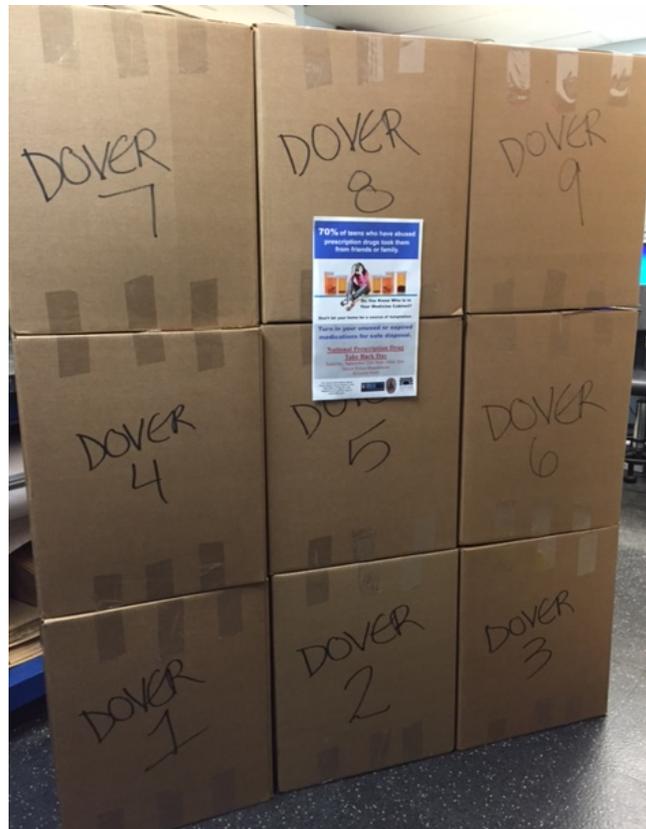
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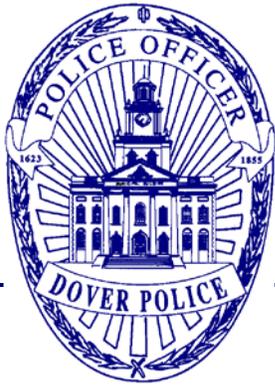
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Dover Police Department takes back 9 boxes full of medication

On September 26, 2015, the Dover Police Department along with police departments all across the country took part in the US Drug Enforcement Administration's Prescription Drug Take Back Event. During the 4 hour event, dozens of members of the public brought their unused and unneeded medication to the front parking lot of the police department.





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The event started at 10:00 am and by 10:30 am, three boxes were already full. Many of the people that came to the event said that they were happy to have a way to safely remove medications from their homes. By the end, the public turned in a total of 9 boxes full of medication weighing 178 lbs. that are no longer in people's homes.

The Dover Police Department wishes to thank everyone who came out on Saturday to safely dispose of their medications. Medicines that languish in homes are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Most heroin users start with prescription drug abuse and then turn to heroin because it is cheaper and easier to get. If we can prevent prescription drug abuse, we are in turn taking steps toward preventing heroin use.

If you are unable to attend a collection event during the national take back day, visit the Food and Drug Administration website at www.FDA.gov to learn about other recommended disposal methods.

If you want to learn more about the local problem and how you can get involved, contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at (603) 516-3279 or online at www.DoverCoalition.org.