



CITY OF PEEKSKILL Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The City of Peekskill now has a Permanent MedReturn Drug Collection Unit.

PEEKSKILL, NY 7-3-2013 - Citizens looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at *the City of Peekskill Police Department*.

Through our partnership with the Westchester County Office of Drug Abuse Prevention and Stop DWI, the City of Peekskill Police Department has established a permanent MedReturn drug collection program in order to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm teens and adults.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. Among youth who are 12 to 17 years old, 7.4 percent report past year non-medical use of prescription drugs.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. Now *members of the Peekskill community* won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.



The collection site is open *24 hours a day, 7 days a week* and drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

The drug collection unit is produced by MedReturn, LLC of Grafton, WI. MedReturn, LLC is committed to providing a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way to help law enforcement agencies and communities collect unwanted or expired household medication, including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and unused pharmaceuticals.