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**TOWN OF VERNON TO PARTICIPATE IN FREE AND ANONYMOUS
"DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT"**

Vernon, CT - Mayor Jason L. McCoy announced today that the Town of Vernon will be participating in a free and anonymous prescription drug take back program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and other local health and law enforcement partners.

This program is designed to give residents the option of bringing their unused and/or expired prescription drugs to a drop off center. Sixty-three percent of teens believe that prescription drugs are easy to get from friends' and family's medicine cabinet.

Mayor McCoy said today, "this program will take these drugs out of circulation and safely dispose of them through the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration."

To locate your local drop off spot visit www.dea.gov or stop by the Town of Vernon Department of Public Works on Hartford Turnpike between the hours of 10 AM and 2PM Saturday, September 25, 2010, residents and non-residents are welcome to participate.

For more information on this event, please contact Mayor Jason L. McCoy at (860) 870-3600. For more information about the Town of Vernon, visit www.vernon-ct.gov

Vernon Police Department PRESS RELEASE

On September 25, 2010 the Vernon Police Department, in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will participate in the national, take back initiative. The take back initiative was designed to allow the public an opportunity to turn in unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The drugs will then be safely and properly disposed of. There is no cost to the public and no questions will be asked. The drop off point will be at the Vernon Public Works garage located at 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon CT. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Vernon Police Department is participating in this program to help protect the health and safety of residents. Prescription drugs and controlled substances are being misused and abused at alarming rates, leading to cases of accidental poisoning, overdose and addiction. This program is also designed to protect the nation's water supplies. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has detected pharmaceutical drugs in varying concentrations in our nation's water supplies. All drugs turned in during this initiative will be incinerated.

People can turn in all medications. All pills will be accepted as well as all liquid medications. However, **NEEDLES** will not be accepted. It is strongly recommended that people remove all labels with personal information on the packaging prior to disposal. We will not be looking at or gathering any personal information. For additional information, check www.dea.gov or call Lieutenant Kelley at (860)872-9126 ext. 299.