

## **Vernon Police Department PRESS RELEASE**

On Saturday October 29, 2011 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. 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](http://www.dea.gov) or call Lieutenant Hardy at (860) 872-9126 ext. 271.