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## News Release

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### **Operation Medicine Drop – March 26, 2016**

The Durham Police Department, in conjunction with Safe Kids Durham County, will be sponsoring Operation Medicine Drop on Saturday, March 26 at four locations. Operation Medicine Drop allows people to safely and anonymously dispose of unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications. The program's purpose is to educate the public on the dangers of pharmaceutical drug abuse and accidental poisonings as well as educate them on the responsible handling, security and destruction of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Operation Medicine Drop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 26 at the following locations:

- Walgreens, 1812 Holloway Street
- Kroger, 3457 Hillsborough Road
- Ace Hardware, 1700 East NC Highway 54
- Kroger, 202 West NC Highway 54

Officers at these locations will supervise the collection and maintain security of any collected materials. The medications will be collected in cardboard boxes and transported to the Stericycle incinerator at the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) lab. The collected materials will be destroyed in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

The Durham Police Department also has three Operation Medicine Drop locations that are used throughout the year and all drop-offs may be done anonymously. DPD's Operation Medicine Drop boxes are at:

#### **Durham Police Headquarters**

505 West Chapel Hill Street

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Enter front door of main lobby.

#### **District 2 Substation**

5285 North Roxboro Road (lot of Eno Square Shopping Center)

Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ring buzzer for assistance. Do not leave medicines at the door.

#### **District 3 Substation**

#8 Consultant Place (near Wynnsong Movie Plaza)

Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ring buzzer for assistance. Do not leave medicines at the door.