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## *Media Advisory*

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### **Heyburn Police Department Teams with Drug Enforcement Administration for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

**HEYBURN, IDAHO**– On Saturday, April 22, Heyburn Police Department along with Community Coalitions of Idaho (CCI), hosted our first ever National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in conjunction with the DEA. We were excited to partner with the community and provide a safe location for community members to drop off their expired or unwanted prescription medication.

The Heyburn Police drop location was able to help 37 participants drop off their medication and we collected 112 pounds of medication to be sent to the DEA for destruction! We would not have been able to put on this event without the support of our community and we appreciate all the hard work that went in to making this inaugural event a success.

We want to thank Smith's Food and Drug in Burley for their generous donation of 50 donuts for our event. The donuts were given to those who showed up to dispose of their medication. We had amazing volunteers who helped us put on this event, as well as community members who stopped by to see what our event was all about.

Also, a big thanks to Boise State Radar Center, South Central Public Health, and Twin Falls County Treatment and Recovery Clinic (TARC), for their pamphlets of information that we were able to provide in the grab bags to help educate more on the dangers of drugs and addiction.

Heyburn Police Department is excited to announce we will be hosting a second take back event with the DEA in October (time and location to be announced). We look forward to partnering with CCI and bringing these events to our community.

As a reminder, the Heyburn Police Department is under construction, and may not be open every day, but when we are open, typically during business hours, there is a drug box in our lobby that you can drop off any medication, any time! Our drop box will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.