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## News Release

### Operation Medicine Drop Goes Year-Round

**October 18, 2012, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Sheriff’s Office and CMC-Union Safe Kids have installed three medicine drop boxes for citizens of Union County to discard their unwanted or expired medications.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office, local police departments and CMC-Union Safe Kids recognized a need for these medicine drop boxes to keep unwanted or expired medications from being discarded in our water system and to keep potentially dangerous medication from getting into the hands of children. The three boxes were purchased and donated by CMC-Union Safe Kids.

“These boxes help make our community safer by reducing pollution and eliminating a potential source of accidental poisoning in the home,” said Sheriff Eddie Cathey.

From October 2011 through October 2012, the Union County Sheriff’s Office, local police departments and CMC-Union Safe Kids have collected 1,150,000 dosage units of unwanted or expired medication. Local law enforcement agencies participating in Operation Medicine Drop include the Sheriff’s Office and the Monroe, Stallings, Waxhaw and Wingate police departments.

The three Operation Medicine Drop locations are:

1. Union County Sheriff’s Office, 3344 Presson Road in Monroe. Access to this medicine drop box is 24 hours. The medicine drop box is located in the front lobby of the Union County Sheriff’s Office.
2. Union County Sheriff’s Office satellite facility in Indian Trail at 109 Navajo Trail. Access to this medicine drop box will be during office hours: Monday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
3. Union County Sheriff’s Office satellite facility at Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department at 315 Waxhaw Indian Trail Road. Access to this medicine drop box will be during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Discarded medication should be in some type of container. Citizens may leave the medication in the pill bottles or place them in reusable, re-sealable zipper storage bags.

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