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CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT INSTALLS NEW “PROJECT MEDICINE DROP BOX” TO HELP RESIDENTS DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS AND PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

The Clark Police Department announced today that it has joined the New Jersey Attorney General’s “Project Medicine Drop” initiative and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box in the lobby at Police Headquarters.

Today’s announcement makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Clark residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers. “Project Medicine Drop is a valuable initiative that will enhance public safety in Clark, Chief Alan Scherb said.

The Clark Police Department’s new Project Medicine Drop Box is located in the Police Department Lobby at 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey. Residents may visit the Clark Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to dispose of their unused or excess medications.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General’s effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure “prescription drug drop boxes” at police departments, sheriff’s offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

By giving the residents of New Jersey a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey’s environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.