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Organizing and supporting community partnerships to prevent crime and fear of crime

Media Advisory

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The Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program and the Portland Police Bureau will hold a Prescription Drug Turn In event on **Saturday April 30th, 2011** from **10:00AM to 2:00PM** at three locations in the City of Portland. This event is in conjunction with a DEA Nationwide Drug Turn In event.

The Portland locations are as listed; Fred Meyer-North Interstate 7404 N Interstate Avenue, Fred Meyer-Gateway 1111 NE 102nd Avenue, Old Town Police Contact Office 110 SW 3rd Avenue. The mobile precinct will be on site at the Fred Meyer locations. To search for additional locations nationwide refer to <http://www.justice.gov/dea/> and click on "Got Drugs?"

Portland Police Officers and Crime Prevention staff will be on site for the anonymous turn in of unused or expired prescription medications, to share information about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and to answer community and media questions regarding this issue.

This is a timely event, as it addresses the skyrocketing problem of prescription drug abuse among teenagers. Second to marijuana, prescription drugs are the most abused substance by teenagers today. Teenagers are easily accessing these prescriptions from the medicine cabinets of their own homes, and the homes of friends and grandparents. We encourage the community to clean out their medicine cabinets during this one day event.

Your advanced coverage and live coverage of this event is welcomed to help raise awareness of the growing problem of prescription drug abuse among Portland's teenagers. Your coverage will also encourage people to turn in their unused prescription medications to be safely destroyed by the Portland Police Bureau, which is a preferred alternative to flushing the drugs into the water system. All medications turned in at this event will be incinerated. Sharps and medical waste will not be accepted.

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