



RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE BUREAU

334 RIVERVALE ROAD • RIVER VALE, NEW JERSEY • 07675
TELEPHONE: 201.664.1111 • FAX: 201.358.7750



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 30, 2015
To: All News Media
From: Detective Sergeant John J. DeVoe, Public Information Officer
Contact: (201) 664-2346 x1152 / JDeVoe@RiverValeNJ.org (Preferable)
Attached: RVPD-PMD [Image], Photo credit to Sergeant Gary Blumenthal (River Vale Police)

RIVER VALE POLICE ACQUIRE MOBILE PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX

The River Vale Police Department recently obtained a “Mobile Prescription Drop Box.” This tool will supplement the permanent Prescription Drop Box already in place at River Vale Police headquarters, which has collected over 1,000 pounds of expired and unused medications to date. The Mobile Prescription Drop Box will be made available for selected events as well as to individuals or organizations that are not otherwise able to access the permanent Prescription Drop Box.

Through the Project Medicine Drop 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. River Vale Police are pleased to provide this valuable service to the community at large, enabling any person to drop off unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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. Statistics have shown that prescription drug abuse is prevalent in New Jersey and, more specifically, in Bergen County. Further, the number of teenagers and adults that abuse prescription drugs is higher than those who use cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. Data collected through the Partnership for a Drug Free America reveals that approximately 5,500 Americans start to misuse prescription painkillers each day.

River Vale Police worked with the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs to establish the program, which allows area residents to safely and securely dispose of unused medications conveniently in the lobby of the River Vale Police Department.

By giving New Jerseyans 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.

Persons interested in requesting use of the Mobile Prescription Drop Box at an offsite location or for an event may contact River Vale Police Sergeant Gary Blumenthal at (201) 664-2346 x1140. The River Vale Police Department is located at 334 Rivervale Road, River Vale.

– END OF RELEASE –

** A portion of the information contained in this Press Release was supplied by N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs.*