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For IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Date: 09/18/2014

Time: 9:33 AM

Incident: Take it Back

National Drug “Take it Back” Initiative

On Saturday September 27, 2014, Russellville Police Department will be assisting in the “National Drug Take it Back Initiative” which will take place at Russellville Wal-Mart from 10:00 am until 2:00pm.

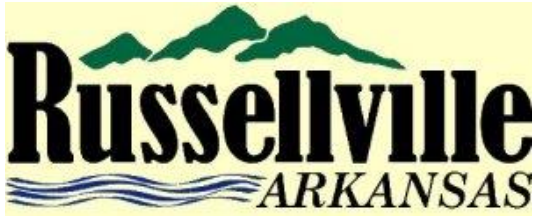
Statistics show that more than 2500 young teens, between 12-17 years old, abuse prescription drugs each day, and it has become the leading cause of death over any other illegal drug. An outlandish 70% of people 12 and older claimed to receive the prescription drugs from friends and relatives. While prescription drugs are quickly becoming the most abused drug in the United States, Russellville is doing what they can to reduce the numbers. Last year we were able to collect over 100 lbs of prescription drugs during this event. This year we’re hoping for even more!

There will be two police officers in uniform at Wal-Mart on Saturday. We ask that you participate by bringing any prescription drugs that are not in use, or are simply outdated. Don’t be the friend or family member that provides drugs to users. Get the prescriptions out of your home!

Don’t try to flush away the problem! This leads to havoc within the pipe systems due to chemical break down of the prescription drugs. Help us help others, by bringing your expired or unused prescriptions to Wal-Mart this Saturday!

This initiative is being sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of the Drug Director Fran Flener, Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, U.S. Attorney’s Office, State Board of Pharmacy, your Pope County Sheriff’s Office, Russellville Police Department, The American Legion, Wal-Mart,

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City Corporation, Con Agra Foods, Cogswell Motors, and 5th Judicial Prosecutors Office.

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For location nearest you: www.ARtakeback.org

WHO:	You! Only you can make a difference in your community to get unwanted/expired drugs out of the hands of our youth.
WHAT:	Any unused/unwanted/expired pharmaceutical drugs
WHERE:	Local Law Enforcement agencies around the state. Visit www.ARtakeback.org for a location nearest you.
WHEN:	September 27, 2014 from 10am-2pm. Note: some sites have extended hours so check the website
WHY:	To keep our communities drug free and to keep our environment clean.
HOW:	It's quick and easy! Just drive up and drop off your medications and you'll be on your way!