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**NATIONAL TAKE BACK
DAY**

On April 30, 2011, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Initiative. The nationwide initiative will focus on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets.

The National Take Back Initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to turn in expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This single day effort will bring a national and local focus to the issue of pharmaceutical substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, the public, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of wherever they may reside.

The City of Fort Lauderdale had over 50 confirmed deaths related to prescription pill abuse in 2010. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department proudly partners with the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Initiative in order to help educate the public and prevent the dangers associated with prescription pill abuse.

The Fort Lauderdale initiative will be held on Saturday, April 30th, 2011, starting at 10 A.M. and ending at 4 P.M. Collections will be held in front of the Fort Lauderdale Police Station at 1300 West Broward Boulevard.

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