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National Take Back Initiative a Huge Success

On Saturday April, 28, 2012, Sierra Madre Police Department participated in the National Take Back Initiative. In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Sierra Madre Police Department collected over 50 lbs. of old, unused, and excess medication that was turned in to Police Officers at City Hall today.

Police Chief Larry Giannone commended the community for an outstanding job of properly disposing of the old and unused medications that could have potentially posed a safety risk if the medications were discarded improperly. The drop off started at 10:00 AM and ended at 2:00 PM. In just four hours the public was able to walk up and hand the medications to officers, with no questions asked, resulting in over 50 lbs. of a variety of medications slated for destruction.

The Sierra Madre Police Department looks forward to participating in the event next year and our goal will be to double the amount of old medications taken in now that community members know how easy it was to dispose of the items properly.