

Oldham County Sheriff's Office Community Services Unit Media Release



To: All Concerned
From: Deputy Michael L. Meece
CC: Sheriff Timothy R. Wakefield/Colonel Greg Smith
Date: 10/29/2023
Re: Media Release Regarding National Drug Take Back Program

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEA Drug Take Back Event keeps dangerous drugs off our streets and out of waterways.

In partnership with the DEA, Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County, the Oldham County Sheriff's Office, and Oldham County Police Department conducted a drug take back program on October 28th as part of the National DEA Drug Take Back Day Initiative.

The locations of the events were the LaGrange Fire Department Station 2, 3637 West Highway 146, the Oldham County Police Department, 1855 North Highway 393, and Kroger LaGrange, 2034 South Highway 53. The times were from 10:00 am until 2:00pm. This program was once again a success. With combined efforts of both agencies, Kroger LaGrange, and the community, three hundred and eighty two pounds of potentially highly addictive prescription drugs, including large quantities of prescription fentanyl, morphine, oxycontin, including thousands of pills, were turned in for proper disposal by concerned county residents. This continues to be one of the largest events to date in Oldham County. Any questions may be directed to the Oldham County Sheriff's Office at 222-9501, or the Oldham County Police at 222-1300.

Reports indicate 2,135 Kentuckians lost their lives to a drug overdose last year. 90% of the overdose deaths involved opioids. If you or a loved one are struggling with addiction, call the KY HELP Call Center at 833-8KY-HELP (833-859-4357) to speak one-on-one with a specialist who can connect Kentuckians to treatment.

Medical costs associated with overdoses and rehabilitation are in the millions yearly. Additionally, our waterways are polluted daily from these potentially harmful drugs being flushed or improperly discarded.

If you have medications that you are not taking, they should be properly disposed of. Please help curb prescription medication abuse and help keep our waterways safe. Together we can all make a difference.