



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Operation Pill Drop

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**Florida Sheriff's Task Force  
Operation Pill Drop Operation Plan  
October 16, 2016 through November 12, 2016**

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is participating with agencies throughout the state to encourage citizens to properly and safely dispose of household medications that could otherwise be potentially dangerous to children or adults if misused either accidentally or intentionally.

Operation Pill Drop will run from **10-16-16 through 11-12-16**. During this time, citizens are encouraged to bring all unwanted, unused, and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as veterinarian prescriptions, to one of the drug drop-off boxes (listed below) to safely dispose of them.

The drug drop-off boxes can be found at the following locations:

- **Hernando County Sheriff's Office - Main Office** – 18900 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601 (located inside the main lobby)
- **Hernando County Sheriff's Office - District Two Office** – 7499 Forest Oaks Boulevard, Spring Hill, FL 34606 (located inside the lobby)
- **Hernando County Detention Center** – 16425 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609 (located on Northeast corner of the parking lot near the Inmate Release Pavilion).

The drop-off boxes in the main lobby of the Sheriff's Office and the District Two Office are available during normal business hours. The drop-off box at the Detention Center is available 24/7. There is **no cost** to drop off unwanted/unused medications.

Our hope is to provide an increased awareness of prescription drug abuse and help keep potentially dangerous drugs out of the wrong hands.

The following items cannot be disposed of in the drop-off boxes and can be disposed of at the locations listed below:

- **Needles, Sharps, and/or Syringes** – Please take to the landfill at either 14450 Landfill Road in Brooksville or 2525 Osowaw Boulevard in Spring Hill.
- **Any Liquids** – Please take to the landfill at 14450 Landfill Road in Brooksville **only**.
- **Inhalers** - Please take to the landfill at 14450 Landfill Road in Brooksville **only**.
- **These items will not be accepted at any of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office locations.**

Please keep in mind that the drop off boxes located at our facilities are small. If you have a very large quantity of unwanted medications, it may be best to go directly to a landfill near you, as we are unable to handle more than a few bottles at a time.

#### **The Office of Sheriff:**

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.