



Orange City Police Department Prescription Drug Drop Off Program



**Working together to protect our citizens
and our environment**

Chief Peter C. Thomas

The Centers for Disease Control report that drug overdose is the second leading cause of accidental death in America. Each day an average of 2,000 teenagers, age 12-17, use a prescription drug without a doctor's guidance for the first time. According to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, one in five teens has abused a prescription pain medication. Unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs present a risk to our community by either falling into the wrong hands or by damaging our environment through improper disposal. This awareness has resulted in the Orange City Police Department developing a program to provide a safe alternative method to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

When: Monday thru Friday between 8am and 5pm.

Where: The Orange City Police Department, 207 N Holly Ave.

- The Orange City Police Department has provided a collection box which will be located in the waiting room of the police department.
- Medication may be turned in anonymously; no identification will be required and no questions asked.
- Medications may be in standard containers or in plastic bags. Liquid medication must be enclosed in a secure container and placed in a plastic bag. **Syringes will not be accepted** as this will create a hazardous situation for our evidence personnel. Syringes should be taken to the Orange City Fire Department located at 225 N. Holly Ave. for disposal.

*Please note, this collection program is not intended for the use of physicians or other business entities who already have established procedures and resources for the disposal of unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals.

