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## Raytown Police Department participates in National Drug Take Back Day

More than 4,500 collection sites across the nation

(**RAYTOWN, Mo**.) – The Raytown Police Department was one of dozens of police departments around the metro that collected expired and unused prescription medications on Saturday, April 24 for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) 20<sup>th</sup> Drug Take Back Day.

Raytown's collection site was held in the City Hall parking lot. About 360 pounds of medication was collected.

"We are grateful for this opportunity to work with one of our federal partners, the DEA, to bring this valuable service to our residents," said Raytown Chief of Police Robert Kuehl. "We are especially thankful for our Volunteer Corps, who coordinated and staffed this event."

Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. Unused or expired prescription medications lead to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. In addition, proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

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