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PRESS RELEASE

**Over 30,000 Pounds of Prescription
Drugs Collected in Chester County to
Help Fight Opioid Epidemic**

The Chester County District Attorney's Office announced that over 32,000 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected in the last five years through the county's prescription drug collection boxes. The drug drop box program was created to keep potentially dangerous prescription drugs, especially opioids, from being misused. The program also keeps the drugs out of the region's water system.

The yearly totals for the drug disposal box program in Chester County are as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2014	1,392 lbs.
2015	2,967 lbs.
2016	8,073 lbs.
2017	10,045 lbs.
2018	9,849 lbs.
TOTAL	32,605 lbs.

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "Sometimes simple solutions are the best solutions. Merely by placing secure drug drop boxes in police stations across Chester County, we have taken over 15 tons of potentially dangerous drugs off the street. That is the equivalent of the largest drug bust in the

history of Chester County, and we did it without risking a single police officer's life or executing a single search warrant. And because we are taking opioids out of circulation, this program saves lives.”

The drug drop box program was started in 2014 by District Attorney Hogan, the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association, and Chester County police departments. The program continues to expand, including more police departments, Paoli Hospital, the Chester County Health Department, and other volunteers.

Under the program, locked drug drop boxes are placed in police stations or other secure locations. Citizens can drop off old or unwanted prescription drugs in the drop boxes. The discarded drugs are then collected and safely disposed of by law enforcement and the National Guard.

“In Chester County, we take every step possible to fight the opioid epidemic,” added Chester County Commissioner Michelle Kichline. “From the drug drop boxes to our annual color 5K that raises awareness and significant dollars to fund crucial treatment programs, we are constantly looking for new and better ways to protect our citizens.”

Chester County has taken a multi-faceted approach to fighting the opioid epidemic. The county has an Overdose Prevention Task Force, consisting of more than 50 organizations who coordinate efforts across the county. These efforts include Drug Court for users, providing Narcan to first responders, establishing a “warm hand-off” program to place people who have overdosed into treatment, and many other strategies.

District Attorney Hogan summed it all up: “Removing unwanted opioids from homes through the drug drop box program is one step in helping to prevent addiction. Education, prevention, treatment, and strong law enforcement all play a role in Chester County's efforts to fight the opioid epidemic and save lives.”

The locations of the drug drop boxes in Chester County follows.

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Approved for release:

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Caln Township
Police Department
253 Municipal Drive
Thorndale, PA 19320

City of Coatesville
Police Department
1 City Hall
Coatesville, PA 19320

East Brandywine Twp.
Police Department
1212 Horseshoe Pike
Downingtown, PA 19335

East Whiteland Township
Police Department
209 Conestoga Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Easttown Township
Police Department
566 Beaumont Road
Devon, PA 19333

Kennett Square Borough
Police Department
115 N. Broad Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348

North Coventry Township
Police Department
845 South Hanover Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

Oxford Borough
Police Department
57 N. Fourth Street
Oxford, PA 19363

Paoli Hospital
255 West Lancaster Ave.
Paoli, PA 19301

Parkesburg Borough
Police Department
315 W. First Ave., Bldg. 2
Parkesburg, PA 19365

Pennsylvania State Police
2 Moxley Lane
Avondale, PA 19311

Phoenixville Borough
Police Department
351 Bridge Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

South Coatesville
Police Department
134 Modena Road
Coatesville, PA 19320

Sheriff's Office
Chester County Justice Ctr.
201 W. Market Street
West Chester, PA 19380

Southern Chester County
Regional Police Department
384 Starr Road, Suite 100
Landenberg, PA 19350

Tredyffrin Township
Police Department
1100 DuPortail Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

Upper Uwchlan Township
Police Department
140 Pottstown Pike
Chester Springs, PA 19425

Valley Township
Police Department
890 W. Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

West Brandywine Twp.
Police Department
198 Lafayette Road
Coatesville, PA 19320

West Caln Township
Police Department
721 W Kings Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

West Chester University
Police Department
690 South Church Street
West Chester PA 19383

West Goshen Township
Police Department
1025 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19382

West Vincent Township
Police Department
729 St. Matthews Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425

West Whiteland Township
Police Department
101 Commerce Drive
Exton, PA 19341

Westtown-East Goshen
Regional Police Department
1041 Wilmington Pike
West Chester, PA 19382

Willistown Township
Police Department
688 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355