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La Palma Hosting Medication Take Back Event – September 25

LA PALMA, Calif. – On Saturday, September 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the La Palma Police Department in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), will be hosting a medication disposal event. The event is being held in the La Palma City Hall parking lot, 7822 Walker Street, and will feature an easy one stop, drive-through process, with no questions asked or forms to be completed. This event is part of the DEA's *National Take Back Initiative*, a one-day nationwide effort intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

The program is designed to be anonymous and all prescription or over-the-counter solid dosage medications, (tablets, capsules, etc.) will be accepted. Unfortunately, intra-venous solutions, injectable medications, needles, and other illegal substances, like marijuana or methamphetamine will not be accepted.

Disposing of old or unneeded medications properly, through events like this, helps to keep dangerous drugs away from children, while protecting the environment. Medications in our landfills, water systems, and in the ocean, can cause lasting damage to the environment.

For more information about the event or to locate other locations, please visit the DEA's website at: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback.

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 16,081 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 53 part-time employees.

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