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## Bloomingdale Borough Police Department Installs New "Project Medicine Drop" Box to Help Residents Dispose of Unused Medications, Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

Bloomingdale Police Chief Joseph Borell today announced that they have joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative, and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters.

Today's announcement makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Bloomingdale residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers.

"We are proud to be a part of "Project Medicine Drop as another tool to help honor our commitment of service to the residents of Bloomingdale," Bloomingdale Police Chief Joseph Borell said.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. The Bloomingdale Drop Site is available from 8:00am until 12 midnight, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.