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RCSO, RX Task Force partners with DEA for National RX Take-Back Day

The Rogers County Sheriff's Office along with the Rogers County Prescription Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration held a prescription disposal event last Saturday in the Rogers County Courthouse parking lot.

The "drop off" was part of a national take-back initiative coordinated by the DEA to safely remove unwanted, unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs from medicine cabinets.

This was the sixth national take-back event in three years that the DEA has provided conjunction with the state and local law enforcement agencies.

Medication from the drop off was transported to the Tulsa Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Office where it was weighed.

Currently, Oklahoma is ranked number one in prescription drug abuse and overdose deaths. As an affiliate of the Healthy Community Partnership, the Rogers County Prescription Drug Task Force aims to promote awareness to reduce Opioid overdose numbers, said RXDTF Preventionist Teresa Carnes.

RXDTF preventionists passed out T-shirts and other free items with information regarding the dangers of medication abuse.

"Residents don't have to wait until Prescription Take-Back Day to get rid of unused medication. We have four permanent take-back containers in Rogers County that are open daily to the public," said Carnes.

Drop Box locations include—Catoosa Police Department, Chelsea Police Department, Rogers County Sheriff's Office and Claremore Police Department.

For more information on ways to prevent prescription medication abuse or to share a story of someone affected by the disease berxresponsible.com or [facebook.com/berxresponsible](https://www.facebook.com/berxresponsible).