



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact:**

Amanda Gorsche Miller  
Communications Director | City of Waukeee  
515.978.7905  
cell 515.240.5039  
[amanda@waukeee.org](mailto:amanda@waukeee.org)

### **Waukeee Police Department Installs Permanent Drug “Take-Back” Drop Box**

**Waukeee, Iowa**—The Waukeee Police Department is proud to announce the permanent installation of a drug “take-back” drop box in their lobby at 1300 SE L.A. Grant Parkway. In coordination with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration’s “National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day,” Waukeee Police plan to make the box available to the public for the very first time on April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. After the initial kick-off, the drop box will be available Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Responding to an increased demand for readily available drug disposal sites, the Waukeee police department’s installation of a drug “take-back” drop box offers a disposal site for the collection of unwanted, unused or expired medications. Syringes, inhalers, and flammable materials cannot be disposed of in the drop box.

“We found that National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was so popular that there is a need for a permanent drop box at our headquarters,” said School Resource Officer Mackenzie Sposeto. “We hope that locals will take advantage of the easy-to-use drop box that is located in our lobby.”

This permanent installation at the Waukeee Police Department and the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day address an important public health and public safety issue that is becoming more prevalent. According to the DEA, prescription drugs that languish in home medicine cabinets are “highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.” Without other options for disposing of prescription drugs, many people flush old meds down the toilet or throw them in the trash, potentially infecting the nation’s water supplies.

Sposeto said disposing of old prescription drugs helps to ensure the safety of children. “If we can help families remove old prescriptions from their homes that children or teens might find, ingest or potentially abuse, the drop box will accomplish its goal,” she said.

“It’s a public service that we are proud to offer.”

The DEAs next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 26, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The city of Waukee will be participating with their newest “take-back” box at police headquarters and also at the Waukee Medicap Pharmacy and the Waukee Hy-Vee Pharmacy. For more information on the Waukee Police Department, visit <http://www.waukee.org/263/Police>

###

The City of Waukee is recognized as one of the fastest growing communities within the state of Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties within the United States. The official Census estimate released July 2012 was 15,931. For more information, visit [www.waukee.org](http://www.waukee.org).