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CCSD Police Department to host event for safe disposal of medications ***Event will also feature free document shredding for non-businesses***

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County School District (CCSD) Police Department, in conjunction with the Care Coalition, will sponsor a “Pill Take Back Day” event on Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m. – noon. This community event will take place at Palo Verde High School, located at 333 S. Pavilion Center Drive in Las Vegas.

Document shredding will also take place, but the primary focus is to collect expired or unused prescriptions so they can be disposed of in a safe manner, which will also help to keep them out of the hands of children.

“Throughout the nation and locally, we are seeing more children who are abusing prescription drugs, most of which are coming directly from their parents’ medicine cabinets,” said CCSD School Police Officer Robert Mayer. “We are holding this event not only to provide a safe method of disposal, but also to reduce the chances of these medicines falling into the hands of children. The event will also serve as a reminder for parents to secure their medications. We will discuss with them the signs to look for if they believe their children are using drugs.”

CCSD police officers have collected more than 2,300 pounds of medications, including 142 pounds during the Pill Take Back Day event that was held in May at Cimarron-Memorial High School, and they are hoping to have an even higher level of participation at the June event. The location for the event changes each time in an effort to serve all areas of the community.

For more information about this event, contact Officer Mayer at 702-366-5244 or 702-799-7830. For more information about the Clark County School District, visit ccsd.net.

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