

News Release

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Subject: National Prescription Take Back Event April 28, 2018

RICHLAND COUNTY, Ohio- On April 28, 2018 the METRICH Enforcement Unit along with the Mansfield Division of Police, the Richland County Sheriff's Office, the Bellville Police Department and the Shelby Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Take Back Initiative.

In addition to Richland County law enforcement agencies, numerous other law enforcement agencies from the METRICH region also participated. The METRICH region collected **1,726.5** pounds of unused or expired prescription medication. Community participation and commitment by all law enforcement agencies in the METRICH region was key to the success of this event.

Below is a breakdown of all agencies that participated in this event.

Richland County Agencies:

Mansfield Division of Police- 134lbs
Richland County Sheriff's Office- 84lbs
Bellville Police Department- 58lbs
Shelby Police Department- 77lbs

Ashland County Agencies:

Ashland County Sheriff's Office- 240lbs

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Crawford County Agencies:

Crawford County Sheriff's Office- 62.5lbs
Bucyrus Police Department- 54lbs
Galion Police Department- 73lbs

Hancock County Agencies:

Hancock County Sheriff's Office- 116lbs

Huron County Agencies:

Huron County Sheriff's Office- 19lbs
Norwalk Police Department- 99lbs
Willard Police Department- 50lbs

Knox County Agencies:

Mount Vernon Police Department- 66lbs

Marion County Agencies:

Marion Police Department/Marion County Sheriff's Office- 192lbs

Morrow County Agencies:

Morrow County Sheriff's Office- 153lbs

Seneca County Agencies:

Seneca County Sheriff's Office- 100lbs
Fostoria Police Department- 49lbs
Tiffin Police Department- 28lbs

Wyandot County Agencies:

Wyandot County Sheriff's Office- 53lbs
Carey Police Department- 19lbs

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