

# New Bedford police collect 356 pounds of prescription drugs at takeback

New Bedford Police collected 356 pounds of prescription drugs Saturday, Oct. 28 at the 14th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the second highest amount in the region.

Residents dropped off unwanted and expired prescription medications during the event, which was sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and held at New Bedford Police Headquarters, 871 Rockdale Ave.



The event aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications. This ensures that the medications do not end up

in the wrong hands or in the ecosystem.

The day's activities were organized by Detectives Kelly Almeida and Bryan Oliveira.

Medications can also be dropped off year-round at all stations.

Accepted items include prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and veterinary medications.

Needles, syringes and lancets can be dropped off at three New Bedford locations: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, 874 Purchase St., 508-992-6553; and two locations of Seven Hills Behavioral Health, 1173 Acushnet Ave., 508-996-0546; and 589 South First St., 508-996-3147. Call the locations for specific hours and additional information.