

OPERATION



MEDICINE CABINET™

Pharmaceutical Take Back Program

Dear Friends,

Drug Free Collier and the Collier County Sheriff's Office appreciate your interest in the pharmaceutical "take-back" community service program, *Operation Medicine Cabinet™ (OMC)*. Since 1993, OMC has reduced the risk that pharmaceuticals end up in the hands of our youth, promoted awareness that medications in the family medicine cabinet can lead to potential abuse, and reduced the improper disposal of drugs that leads to pollution of our water and soil.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Drug Free Collier invite you to participate Saturday, November 14, 2009, by holding an OMC event in your community. Please join with us to present a united front across the country and create a strong, consistent brand for law enforcement-backed *Operation Medicine Cabinet™*.

Our goal is to have dozens of OMCs all taking place on the same day...with the same look...and the same message. The details and logistics would differ county by county as each group would tailor the event to meet the individual needs and circumstances of their unique community. But citizens will come to recognize the OMC logo and know what it stands for: lock up your medicines, don't flush them, bring them for safe disposal. In addition, any publicity one OMC event receives will reflect on all *Operation Medicine Cabinet™* events nationwide.

This year, we have collaborated with 10 Florida counties and have received interest from California, Ohio, South Carolina, Illinois and Nebraska. **Together we can change society's complacency and redirect the future of our communities.**

Please see the back of this flier for *Operation Medicine Cabinet™* materials and information to help you implement an OMC program in your community.

For more information or assistance, please contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office Commander Beth Jones at 239-793-9503 (yds@colliersheriff.net) or Drug Free Collier volunteer, Veora Little at 239-450-2883 (veoralittle@aol.com).

A Prescription for Safe Kids and a Clean Environment.



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Objectives of Operation Medicine Cabinet™

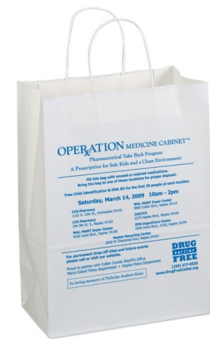
- ⇒ Educate our communities by providing step-by-step instructions for medication storage and proper disposal.
- ⇒ Protect our children from prescription drug abuse & our seniors from misuse and mistakes.
- ⇒ Protect our environment
- ⇒ Collect of all medications, including controlled substances

Components of Operation Medicine Cabinet™

- ⇒ **Law Enforcement** - responsible for the protocol to be followed for collection of medication and controlled substances.
- ⇒ **Volunteers** - responsible for educational support, logistics and organizational aspects of the program.

Elements of Operation Medicine Cabinet™ Package

- ⇒ **Use of Operation Medicine Cabinet trademarked logo**
- ⇒ **Use of brochure and flyer**
- ⇒ **Use of paper bag design**
- ⇒ **Access to suggested law enforcement developed protocol for collection and disposal of all medications.**



Why is Operation Medicine Cabinet™ (OMC) different than other take-back programs?

- ⇒ OMC collects pharmaceuticals from all citizens in convenient locations.
- ⇒ OMC is a community effort made up of law enforcement, community partners and volunteers.
- ⇒ Law enforcement complies with DEA regulations and statutory requirements for handling controlled substances.
- ⇒ Educate our communities: raising awareness of drug and alcohol issues, safety tips for children and seniors, proper storage (lock up all medications at home) and disposal of unwanted and expired medications (incineration not flushing).

