

Press Release

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ONALASKA 3rd DROP OFF FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Saturday November 5th the Onalaska Police Department will once again be partnering with The La Crosse County Prevention Network, the County of La Crosse, Viterbo University, La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials Program and La Crosse Police Department in an effort to assist La Crosse County residents dispose of unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. Onalaska Police and their partners have been sponsoring these medication disposal drops since 2010.

"We feel that this is an important initiative," said Onalaska Police Officer Jasson Jobe, "I have been working with the drop offs since the beginning and I am more convinced than ever that this is a vital service. We are keeping hundreds of pounds of potentially hazardous substances out of our ground water and we are helping to keep dangerous prescription drugs out of the wrong hands. Prescription drug abuse is a rising problem in our society. Providing citizens with a way to dispose of unwanted prescriptions is one way to fight this trend."

The drug drop off is part of Onalaska ongoing "Project 365" which is a proactive year-long crime prevention initiative.

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"I am a huge proponent of proactive policing," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "prescription drug abuse is a serious issue and if we can keep these drugs out of the wrong hands we stop the problem before it starts. These drug drops are a way for citizens to partner with law enforcement to help prevent crime."

La Crosse County residents wishing to drop off prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines have a choice of three locations this Saturday:

The Onalaska Police Department at 415 Main St

The Viterbo Fine Arts Parking lot at 929 Jackson St in La Crosse

La Crosse County HHM at 6500 State Road 16 in La Crosse

Medicines may be dropped off between the hours of 9am and 12pm.

An event flyer is available on the Onalaska Police Department web site at www.onalaskapolice.com . To view the flyer click on the Upcoming Police and Community events link under News and Announcements.