



JOE LESTER
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**

Deputies collect 280 pounds of medications during round-up

Cleveland County sheriff's deputies collected 280 pounds of medications Saturday at the Prescription Drug Round-up.

Citizens turned prescriptions during a four-hour period at Homeland, 10700 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City; Homeland, 1251 Alameda Street and 2600 W. Robinson Street in Norman; and Crest Foods, 1315 N. Eastern Ave., Moore. The containers of medications will be taken to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and destroyed.

As of March of 2014, CCSO has gathered 885 pounds of old or unwanted medications through its round-up program.

The Prescription Drug Round-up program was established in 2009 to help people rid their homes of expired or unwanted prescriptions. If medications end up in the wrong hands, they can cause serious illness or even death.

Sheriff Joe Lester schedules round-ups quarterly. Lester thanked the citizens who cleaned out their homes and brought all their unneeded medications to the round-up.

"These collections give people the chance to properly dispose of prescriptions they no longer need and it keeps that medicine off the street," Lester said. "I also appreciate the area businesses that allowed us to use their stores as collection sites."

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.