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La Porte police partner with other groups to reduce medication abuse

Are you a drug dealer? Of course you're not! Or are you?

The truth is anyone could unknowingly become a drug dealer if others have the opportunity to use and abuse unused portions of your prescription medication, the La Porte Police Department and the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol said in a recent news release.

To combat this ongoing problem, the two organizations have reunited in an effort to further do away with idle medication.

To streamline the process for citizens, a drop-off point for unused and expired medication will be established at this year's La Porte Health and Safety Fair. Medication can be turned in at any moment during the 9 a.m. – 1 p. m. event, which is being held at La Porte Junior High School (401 South Broadway).

The official turn-in date for the medication will be Saturday Sept. 22, and the service will offer the convenience of both drive-up and walk-up service. The "Take-Back" booth will be located at the corner of South Broadway and C Street.

The service is an anonymous process, where no questions will be asked of anyone dropping off medication.

The site will be staffed by members of the La Porte Police Department and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, so the safe and controlled disposal of the medication is guaranteed. For additional information, contact the coalition coordinator, Vanessa Ayala, at SEHarris.CCP@bacoda.com or dial 1-800-510-3111 and ask for the Coalitions Department.