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More Than 2,900 Pounds of Prescription Drugs Collected at Take-Back Sites Across Nebraska

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning and the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) today announced results from the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day held October 29, 2011. Throughout Nebraska, 2,932 lbs. of prescription medication were collected including 607 lbs. from sites coordinated by the Attorney General's Office, the NSP and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"The Nebraska State Patrol was pleased to be able to assist the Attorney General and the DEA with collecting prescription drugs and helping to prevent tragedies related to their abuse," said NSP Superintendent Colonel David Sankey.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most prevalent category of drug abuse in the United States, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. According to the survey, the majority (70 to 78 percent, depending on the drug) of Americans 12 and older who abused prescription drugs got them from friends and family, including from their home medicine cabinets.

"Community take-back programs help successfully reduce the amount of prescription drugs available for misuse," said Bruning. "By disposing of these medications safely and securely, Nebraskans have taken steps to make our kids safer."

For more results of the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back, visit www.nationaltakebackday.com or www.dea.gov.