



## MINTURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### *Press Release*

**The Minturn Police Department**  
**Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**At Minturn Town Hall, 302 Pine Street**  
**In the First Floor Lobby**

**Minturn, Colorado** – On October 26, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Minturn Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its seventh opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Please bring your medications for disposal to the Minturn Town Hall Building at 302 Pine Street. The service is **free** and **anonymous**, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 371 tons (over 742,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its six previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 2.8 million pounds—more than 1,400 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

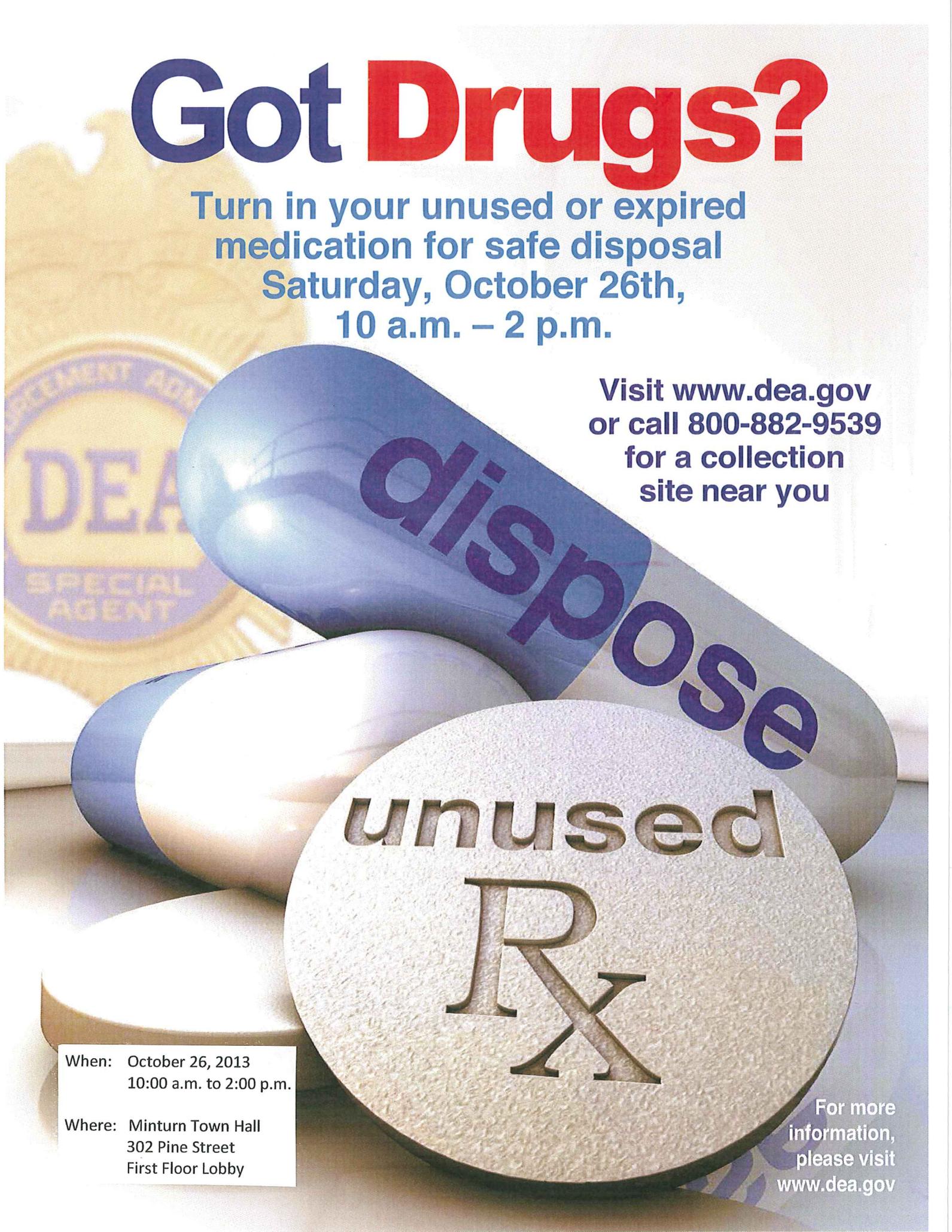
DEA is in the process of approving new regulations that implement the Safe and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an “ultimate user” (that is, a patient or pet or their family member or owner) of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents’ controlled substances in certain instances.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Minturn Police Department at 970-827-4272.

# Got **Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired  
medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, October 26th,  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)  
or call 800-882-9539  
for a collection  
site near you



unused  
Rx

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