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**American Medicine Chest Challenge**

The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) and SPF-SIG Program would like the community to be aware of the upcoming American Medicine Chest Challenge. The American Medicine Chest Challenge (AMCC) is a community based public health initiative, with law enforcement partnership, designed to raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and provide a nationwide day of disposal - at a collection site or in the home - of unused, unwanted, and expired medicine that will be held on the second Saturday of November each year in communities across the country.

Saturday, November 8th marks the 5th Annual American Medicine Chest Challenge (AMCC). With the support of law enforcement, community organizations, and AMCC's sponsors, AMCC has become the nation's largest public-private partnership in promoting safe disposal of unused, unwanted, and expired medicine.

AMCC's National Directory of Permanent Rx Collection Sites and the AMCC free mobile app, *Rx Drop*, now includes close to 1,000 law enforcement hosted collection sites in 45 states. Hundreds of thousands of residents across the country rely on this important free tool to access information on safe disposal options in their communities.

**Take the American Medicine Chest Challenge in 5 Simple Steps:**

- 1. Take inventory of your prescription and over-the-counter medicine.**
- 2. Secure your medicine chest.**
- 3. Safely dispose of your unused, unwanted, and expired medicine.**
- 4. Take your medicine exactly as prescribed.**

**5. Talk to your children about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. They are listening.**

One way to help decrease prescription overdose is to properly dispose of your unwanted or expired medications through the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) drop boxes. In Canadian County the drop boxes are located at the following locations:

- **Canadian County Sheriff's Department**  
304 N. Evans  
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036
- **Mustang Police Department**  
650 E. State Highway 152  
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064
- **Yukon Police Department**  
100 S. Ranchwood  
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099
- **Piedmont Police Department**  
400 Edmond Road NW  
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078

Red Rock RPC and SPF-SIG's primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. Red Rock RPC is funded by the ODMHSAS. SPF-SIG project is funded by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), CSAP (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention) and the ODMHSAS. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com) or contact the Red Rock RPC at (405)-354-1928.