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## **National Drug Take Back Initiative**

On October 28th, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM the Pratt Police Department conducted The National Drug Take Back Initiative in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Pratt Regional Medical Center.

The Take Back Initiative is a Drug Enforcement Agency program that is conducted every six months and includes over 471 collection sites in the St Louis Drug Enforcement Agencies Region that includes: Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Southern Illinois.

Officers from the Pratt Police Department was responsible for the set-up and security of the collection boxes that were provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency specifically for this purpose. The collected medications are then shipped back to the Drug enforcement Administration for destruction.

The Take Back Initiative was responsible for the collection of 101 pounds of unneeded or expired medications.

**CASE NO:**