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### **NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL BOX INSTALLED AT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE ROYERSFORD AREA**



ROYERSFORD, Pa. – Montgomery County First Assistant District Attorney Edward F. McCann, Jr., Royersford Police Chief Thomas Nerlinger, and Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association Executive Director Richard Long joined forces with sponsor Pennsylvania American Water to launch the 32nd Prescription Drug Disposal Box today to collect and safely dispose of unneeded and expired prescription drugs in the Royersford area. The newest box is located in the lobby of the Royersford Police Department at 300 Main St.

The Prescription Drug Disposal Program began in Montgomery County in April 2013 as a way to influence and curb the growing accessibility by young people to prescription drugs, especially widely-prescribed and highly addictive opioids like oxycodone.

“Research shows and addicts confirm that opioid abuse and heroin addiction often begin by accessing pills in a family medicine cabinet, where parents or grandparents may not even notice that their pills are going missing,” says McCann. “With overdose deaths continuing to climb in the county and throughout the country, the drug disposal program has become an important way to decrease the availability of drugs in our communities.”

Pennsylvania American Water, which provides water and sewage services to more than two million residents in Pennsylvania, has sponsored 13 boxes across the state, including three of the 32 boxes in Montgomery County, both to be a good community partner and to keep our water supply safe. “From our experience, the best and most cost-effective way to ensure high-quality water at the tap is to keep our source waters clean,” said Robert Burton, Pennsylvania American Water senior director of operations. “This partnership is very important in helping us spread the message: ‘Please don’t flush medications down the toilet, where they would eventually end up in our waterways.’ We are pleased that this collection box will benefit the community, the environment and our water sources for generations to come.”

Disposal of drugs at the Royersford Police Department box is free and anonymous. Officials urge people to remove any prescription labels or place the medications in a plastic bag. Drugs accepted at the boxes include prescription and over-the-counter solid medications such as tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams and ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications. Intravenous and injectable solutions as well as needles are not accepted.

The Royersford Prescription Drug Disposal Box is available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A complete list of disposal boxes is attached and is available online at the Montgomery County District Attorney’s website at [montcopa.org/da](http://montcopa.org/da).

Approved for release:

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