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## **MARLBORO TO INAUGURATE “PROJECT MEDICINE DROP”**

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (November 15, 2012)** - Mayor Jonathan Hornik, in association with the Marlboro Township Police Department, the New Jersey Attorney General’s office and the State Division of Consumer Affairs, announces the inauguration of a permanently installed box, part of “Project Medicine Drop”. It will be unveiled on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Marlboro Township Police Department.

The “Project Medicine Drop” box is a lockable metal container resembling a mailbox and is located in the lobby of the Marlboro Police Department. The box enables residents to drop off their unused or excess medications safely and securely, enabling law enforcement officials to take custody of controlled dangerous substances.

“Marlboro is extremely proud to be one of the first Project Medicine Drop partners,” Marlboro Mayor Jonathan Hornik stated. “Our Police Department has played an active role in past DEA national one-day take backs. We collected 80 pounds of unwanted medication during our last event. Clearly, this program serves an important need for our residents, so when we were offered the opportunity to be home to a permanent lock-box, I gladly approved the initiative.”

This lock box is one of only two located within Monmouth County making it easier than ever for residents of Marlboro Township and surrounding communities to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of prescription drug abuse. Citizens are encouraged to use the Project Medicine Drop site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused, expired prescription and over the counter medications.

“Nationwide, more than 70 percent of people who abuse prescription drugs obtain them from friends or relatives,” Attorney General Chiesa said. “We are fighting this problem with a multi-tiered approach that involves law enforcement, our New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program, and engagement with the healthcare community. It must also involve the participation of all New Jersey citizens. With this program we encourage you

to take responsibility for the medications in your home – and safely dispose of those you no longer need.”

Please join Mayor Hornik, members of the Marlboro Township Council, Police Chief Bruce Hall, and members of the Marlboro Township Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. The ceremony is open to the public. The police department is located at 1979 Township Drive. Marlboro, NJ 07746.

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