

SIUE Police and School of Pharmacy partner to take back 39 lbs. of prescription drugs

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EDWARDSVILLE - The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Police Department and School of Pharmacy (SOP) collected 39.4 lbs. of prescription drugs in a drug takeback program Thursday, Oct. 26 on the Alton, Edwardsville and East St. Louis Center campuses. It was the largest amount collected this year in the program.

“This is an extremely important service to our community as prescription drugs are the number one abused controlled substance in our country,” said SIUE Police Chief Kevin Schmoll. “This program allows for proper disposal and gets prescription drugs out of the hands of the people who may abuse them.”

The takeback program provides a safe alternative to disposing approved medications, thereby keeping the medications out of children’s hands, landfills and water supplies.

The SIUE Police Department has a pharmaceutical disposal receptacle from Illinois American Water and the Drug Free Coalition of Madison County available to the public 24/7, 365 days per week. The drop box is located in the SIUE Police Department lobby, located at 99 Supporting Services Rd.

Items that will not be accepted are needles/sharps, mercury thermometers, biomedical waste, compressed gas containers, aerosol cans or medications from businesses, physicians’ offices or clinics.

Questions regarding the use of the pharmaceutical disposal drop box, can be directed to the SIUE Police Department at 618-650-3324.

SIUE School of Pharmacy: Today’s pharmacists improve patients’ lives through the medication and education they provide. Dedicated to developing a community of caring pharmacists, the SIUE School of Pharmacy curriculum is nationally recognized as a model that offers students a unique combination of classroom education, research, community service and patient care. The School of Pharmacy’s areas of excellence include a drug design and discovery core; pediatric practice; chronic pain research and practice; and diabetes research and practice. As the only downstate Illinois pharmacy doctorate program, the SIUE School of Pharmacy is addressing the growing need for highly trained pharmacists in a rapidly growing field.