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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Park Ridge Police Partners With MCYAF To Offer 24 Hour Prescription Drug Disposal Program**

**See attached Flyer**

# Park Ridge Police Department

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The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation was founded in Highland Park, Illinois by David and Gail Katz and their daughter, Melissa Katz Gold, following the death of David and Gail's 25 year old son, Daniel, from an overdose of prescription drug medication in June, 2007. Daniel had battled addiction for several years prior to his death. His addiction began when he started experimenting with cigarettes, alcohol and then marijuana. The recreational use of these substances can often lead to experimentation with pharmaceutical medications, a practice that is becoming increasingly popular among our nation's youth. The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation was created to educate the public about the dangers and consequences of prescription drug abuse and addiction, and to provide tangible methods to remove unwanted and unused medications from America's homes. The Park Ridge Police Department now offers a 24 hour medication take back program. The new collection boxes enable residents to drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs any time of day or night in safe, monitored locations. Collected medications are subsequently incinerated off site. The boxes are affixed with labels that clearly describe acceptable and non-acceptable drugs.

## 24 Hour Drop Off

**Park Ridge Police Department  
200 South Vine Avenue**

### *Accepted Drugs include:*

- Prescription medications
- Controlled substances
- All over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet Medications
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Homeopathic Remedies

### *Not Accepted:*

- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams, and oils
- Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide



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