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### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

#### MEDICATION DROP BOX PROGRAM

Unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs have been determined to present substantial risks to our community by either falling into the wrong hands, or by damaging our environment through improper disposal. It is awareness that has resulted in the Town of Waterford Police Department, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board, working together to provide a safe alternative method to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

Abuse of prescription drugs is a major public health problem in New York State. Studies have shown that residential supplies of pharmaceutical controlled substances – those found in our home medicine cabinets – have become the supply of choice for young people and criminals. Most abusers, a high percentage of which are teens, are known to have obtained their controlled substances from the house of family and friends. In addition, research has shown that our environment has been threatened by medications being flushed down toilets. Most controlled substances are created synthetically, and are not removed through normal water-treatment processes. This can result in the discharge of these substances into the environment and into our ground water supplies.

The Town of Waterford Police Department in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce the installation of a secure drop-box at the Police Department. Community members are now welcome to come to the Department where unwanted medications may be turned in anonymously. Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medications should be placed in zip lock bags and then deposited. Please ensure that any liquid medications are enclosed in leak proof containers before depositing. Once collected, all medications will be disposed of according to State and Federal laws.

**The Medication Drop Box is open to members of the community only. It is not open to pharmacies, veterinarians, pharmaceutical businesses, or any entity other than a private household. Medications, including controlled substances, may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 12 Noon until 8 PM only. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Town of Waterford Police Department at 237-3341.**