



**JOE LESTER**  
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**

**“Prescription Drug Round-Up continues Saturday”**

(NORMAN, OK) The Prescription Drug Round-Up program will be held this Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Public response to the previous Round-Ups has been outstanding, and Sheriff Joe Lester expects Saturday will be no different due to the high public demand for this program. “People call my office constantly wanting us to schedule more dates and times for Drug round-Ups. The citizens have been incredible in their support of the round-Ups”, Lester said. The program is sponsored by Cleveland County Sheriff Joe Lester and District Attorney Greg Mashburn. Over that last year, the Prescription Drug Round-Up program has collected over 300 pounds of expired prescription drugs being dropped off for disposal.

“We now have other cities, towns, and counties calling us and asking for training on how to run similar programs in their areas. They are seeing what a huge difference it makes in the community”, Lester said. The goal of the program is to prevent accidental overdose, abuse and diversion of prescription pills, and to keep these drugs out of the hands of teenagers and children.

Drop off locations for the February 6<sup>th</sup> Round-Up are the Homeland Stores located at 2600 W. Robinson, Norman; Alameda & 12<sup>th</sup> street, Norman; and 10700 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City. Everyone is encouraged to search their medicine cabinets and homes for expired or unneeded Prescription Drugs and bring them to these locations for disposal.

Any questions regarding this press release &/or information can be addressed to Undersheriff Rhett Burnett, Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office, Public Information Officer.