

Press Release

Successful DRUG TAKE BACK / SHRED TRUCK FUNDRAISER!

The Walla Walla Police Department, College Place Police Department, and the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office held two very successful Take Back Drug Days / Shred Truck Fundraiser at the WW Police Department, Waitsburg Fire Station, and at the Wal Mart Parking lot **this past weekend April 29th and 30th**.

Combined Totals for the Weekend:

561.9 pounds of DRUGS were collected Saturday April 29th and Sunday April 30th

WW Police Dept	393 lbs of Drugs	4,000 lbs of shred material
College Place Police Dept – at Walmart	153 lbs of Drugs	3,800 lbs of shred material
WW County Sheriff – at Waitsburg Fire Dept	15.9 lbs of Drugs	600 lbs of shred material

The Shred Truck Fundraiser raked in a total of \$2,495.07 in donations to benefit Walla Walla Area Crime Watch, a non-profit organization that supports Crime Prevention / Partnership / Education in the Walla Walla Valley.

2016 comparables:

In April of 2016 was a one day event involving 3 agencies:

- Walla Walla PD: 360 lbs of Drugs
- College Place PD: 60 lbs of Drugs
- WW County Sheriff: 30 lbs of Drugs

1 Shred Truck was shared totaling 7,000 lbs \$1,267.11 in donations

The Drug Take Back Day is sponsored by the DEA, Drug Enforcement Agency, across the country. In the previous 12 Take Back events over 7 million pounds of pills have been turned in, according to the DEA.

Proper disposal of unwanted medicines is important. Most abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. They can lead to overdoses and accidental poisonings.

Once-common methods of disposal, such as flushing medicines down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose potential safety and health hazards the DEA said.

Walla Walla Area Crime Watch members were very grateful to Community Bank and Blue Mountain Credit Union for sponsoring the two Shred Trucks! The donations that were received will benefit Walla Walla Area Crime Watch and continue supporting Crime Prevention activities and events in the Walla Walla Valley!

Walla Walla Area Crime Watch also wishes to thank Price Computers for taking back discarded computers and electronics for safe disposal, the City of Walla Walla Landfill for taking back the Sharps, Walmart for supplying the volunteers for all 3 events and lending us their parking lot!