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**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Operation RX**

#### ***“Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet: Prevent Abuse – Protect Environment”***

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department and the Clinton Police Department will join the Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention in *Operation RX* on Saturday, January 15, from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the Walmart parking lot on Tanner Lane in Clinton. Officers from both agencies are taking part in a campaign to properly dispose of potentially dangerous unused or outdated prescription and non-prescription medication.

This initiative is sponsored by the Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County. It seeks to prevent increased drug abuse and theft of medication.

The Drug Enforcement Administration says drug abuse, accidental poisonings, and overdoses from prescription medication are on the rise. Studies show that much of the abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many families do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medications, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away both of which are potential safety and health hazards.

People can bring their drugs for disposal and no questions will be asked. Both prescription and non-prescription medications will be accepted. Those bringing unwanted prescriptions should remove any identifying labels.

**For more information, please contact Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County at 865-457-3007.**

**Sheriff Paul White**