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TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

FROM: Stephen Mylett, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Bellevue Police Department Prescription Drug Disposal Program

Staff has prepared an update on the implementation a Bellevue Police Department Prescription Drug Disposal Program. Implementation of this program is part of an effort, known as the County-wide Medication Education & Disposal (MED) program, which provides kiosks for the collection of unwanted medicines. The Police Department is anticipating delivery of a kiosk in October 2016, and tonight's briefing is intended help inform the community of this new resource.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2013, King County approved the King County Board of Health's regulations for the disposal of household pharmaceutical products. In 2015, King County approved the MED-Project Product Stewardship Plan which provides for the use of kiosks at law enforcement agencies that are intended to provide a safe and secure collection site for unwanted medicines.

The purpose of safe and secure drug disposal is to prevent the potential for abuse of medications and to safely destroy drugs that would otherwise find its way into the water system if flushed down a toilet or thrown in a landfill. The kiosk will serve as a convenient method to properly dispose of unwanted or expired medications. The program is compliant with the DEA regulations for drug disposal. The King County MED-Project also provides drug take back events and educational resources for proper drug disposal.

On April 22, 2016, Bellevue contracted with the King County MED-Project to serve as a law enforcement collection site. The King County MED-Project will provide the City of Bellevue one kiosk to be housed within the Police Department's lobby. This kiosk is a DEA-compliant receptacle for unwanted medicine. Unwanted drugs can be placed in the kiosk for destruction. The kiosk is a secure double-locked receptacle that requires a vendor key and collection site key for retrieval of the locked inner container. The contents are then disposed of by Burlington Environmental, LLC in Tacoma, WA. The kiosks are paid for and maintained by the King County program.