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## **Medication drop box project goes citywide**

*News conference Wednesday will include President Murphy, Mayor Barrett, Chief Flynn and others*

Nearly all Milwaukee Police Department district stations now house prescription drug receptacle boxes, allowing residents across the city to anonymously dispose of unwanted or expired pharmaceutical medications.

The drop box project will be discussed during a **news conference at 2 p.m. TOMORROW (Wednesday, March 25, 2015) in the lobby of MPD's District Three Station, 2333 N. 49<sup>th</sup> St.** Joining **Common Council President Michael J. Murphy** at the news conference will be **Mayor Barrett, Chief Edward Flynn, Commissioner Bevan Baker** of the Milwaukee Health Department, Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Executive Director **Robert Cherry, Bill Graffin** of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, and **Kari Lerch**, prevention services manager at Community Advocate's Public Policy Institute who works also on behalf of the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

“Studies show that many who suffer from heroin/opiate addiction were first attracted to the drug based on their experiences with prescription painkillers,” President Murphy said. “Very often, getting prescription meds is as simple as raiding a family member’s medicine cabinet and stealing the unused pills they forgot they had. It’s increasingly important to keep these meds from falling into the wrong hands.”

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**CVS' Drug Disposal for Safer Communities Program** donated seven household pharmaceutical waste receptacles to MPD that will be located at Municipal Court and District Stations 2 through 7. A pilot version of the initiative has been operating at MPD's District Six (3006 S. 27th St.) and District Three stations since late 2014.

President Murphy said the receptacle boxes will give residents the option of securely and anonymously disposing of their solid pharmaceutical medications by leaving them in the around-the-clock accessible boxes.

“In addition to the generous donation by CVS, I would also like to thank our partners in this important initiative: The Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division and the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Coalition, as well as the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District,” President Murphy said.

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