



## Purdue Fort Wayne Facilitates Safe Drug Disposal Year-Round

Every spring, Purdue University Fort Wayne participates in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. It's an opportunity for students, employees, and others to properly dispose of unneeded medications to help prevent misuse and opioid addiction.

Dave Herbst, an officer with the Purdue University Fort Wayne Police Department, and Eric Manor, associate chief of campus and community wellbeing, discussed a while back what it would take to offer the service on campus, year-round. Their curiosity and combined efforts have helped establish a permanent drop-off location on PFW's Main Campus. A secured collection bin is located outside the front door of the police office in the Support Services Building. That location is #11 on the campus map, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The bin can be used daily; items are later transported to the Indiana State Police post on Ellison

Road for permanent disposal.

"Anyone can drop off the medication they don't want," said Andrew Cottrell of University Police. "It's open to the public and we empty it daily."

The Environmental Protectional Agency says drug take back programs are important to protect against abuse, accidental poisoning, and damage to the environment. Flushing medications or throwing them in the trash can lead to water contamination.

Cottrell said a senior citizen recently dropped off 10 years of unused drugs in pill bottles.

"It's not being recorded, and we have no interest in who it is—or what it is," Cottrell said. "We're just here to take it and get it off the streets. This is a way for anybody, including students, to safely dispose of anything they don't want, without fear of reprisal."

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## City Police Back on Campus for Annual Driving Skills Training

For the next two weeks, members of local law enforcement will be behind the wheel and in the classroom on the Main Campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

It's a collaboration between the Fort Wayne Police Department and University Police. Officers are taking part in the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course where they work on awareness, space management, and collision avoidance. They're required by the state to complete two hours of this type of training annually. It consists of one hour in a classroom setting and a second hour inside a vehicle.

The driving is taking place at a temporarily track located on surface lots PL4 and PL5. At different times of the day, starting as early as 8 a.m. and concluding as late as 10 p.m., hard breaking, sharp turns, and squad cars being driven in reverse may be visible.

The sessions are scheduled to conclude Aug. 23.

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Rachel Ramsey, assistant director of faculty teaching development in CELT, was one of multiple staff members supporting new PFW instructors at a Jumpstart Workshop on Monday. In preparation for the first week of classes, presenters cover university-supported teaching technologies, developing syllabi, effective use of Brightspace, Helmke Library offerings, and other available services.

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