

One Chief's Perspective



May 31, 2019

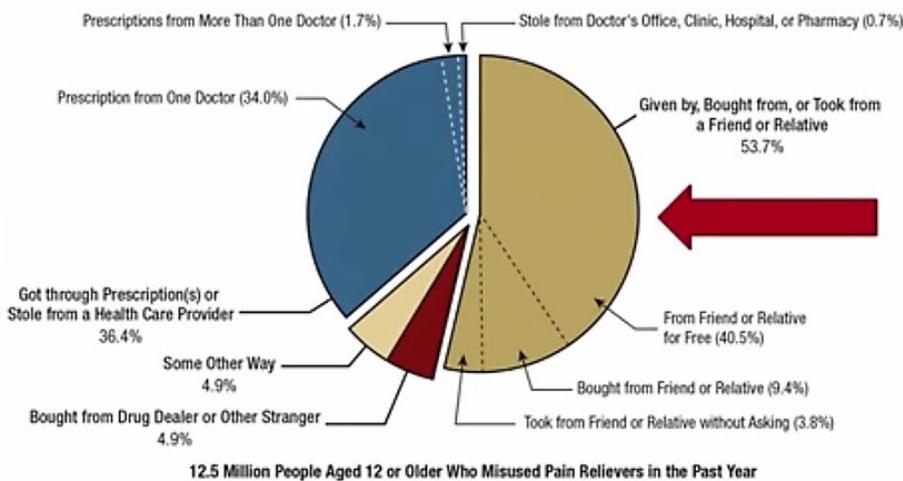
National Take Back Day

On the last Saturday in April, we participated in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Take Back Day by hosting an event at Rosedale Mall.

People turned in their unused medications in an effort to keep them out of the hands of others. Our effort collected approximately 379 pounds of narcotics that were incinerated a few weeks later.



Source Where Obtained...



According to a 2015 Harvard Medical School study, 53.7% of those who accessed prescribed medications for nonmedical reasons, came from friends or relatives. The study stressed the importance of locking up medications.

I want to remind everyone of our [Medicine Disposal Bag Program](#) that we have been offering for many years.

We all need to do our part to help.



Prescription Drug Use and Misuse in the United States: Results from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

April Showers at Tubman

In April, the Admin Team dug into our own pockets and asked the public to help fulfill Tubman's request for baby items to assist families at their shelters. We were able to donate many necessary items and \$2,065 in cash. *Thank you everyone.*



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Connecting with our Community



Earlier this month, seven Roseville Police explorers, Roseville police officers, and three criminal justice students from Northeast Metro 916 Law Enforcement Program helped four senior residents with their spring yard clean ups.

They were participating in Northeast Youth and Family Services' [Senior Chore Program](#).

Hands-Free Cell-phone

In just a few months on August 1, a new Minnesota law comes into effect related to cell phone use by drivers in automobiles. The new law prohibits drivers from holding onto a cell phone while the vehicle is in motion or stopped in traffic, like at a red light. The driver only gets one touch to operate the phone and everything else must be hands free or the driver is in violation of the law. Holding the phone in order to contact emergency services is an exception.

Hands-free laws across the country have been shown to improve roadway safety. Click on this [link](#) for more information about the new law, along with additional information.

In anticipation of the new law, all Roseville Police Department vehicles were equipped to comply last year. All of our employees have been advised to comply with the law even though there is a public safety exception. Just as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, Roseville officers will need to telephone witnesses and complainants of in-progress situations in order to obtain necessary information prior to arriving on-scene. Roseville Police officers complete extensive, and ongoing driving training, which includes the safe use of squad equipment.

There is a lot of necessary equipment in the cab of the squad, so actually picking up the phone to use it might be the safest use of the cell phone for the officer on work-related cell calls.

Take care,

Chief Rick Mathwig

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