***Glen Ridge Police Department Installs New “Project Medicine Drop” Box to Help Residents Dispose of Unused Medications, Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse***

***Where: Glen Ridge Police Department Lobby***

***When: Friday, October 21st, 2016 at 3:00pm***

The Glen Ridge Police Department, is proud to announce that it has joined the New Jersey Attorney General’s “Project Medicine Drop” initiative, and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters.

Today’s announcement makes it easier and more convenient than ever for the Glen Ridge residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure “prescription drug drop boxes” at Police Departments, Sheriff’s Offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey’s environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at *www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.*