

# OPERATION NON- MED- C- ABIN- ET

## O:MC (Operation Medicine Cabinet)

is a professional, comprehensive, pre-packaged public safety and environmental awareness program designed to prevent the misuse and abuse of unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications, and keep them out of communities' water supplies. O:MC keeps unwanted medications out of the wrong hands. Medicines left unattended or disposed of carelessly are a danger, whether it's accidental ingestion by people or pets, illegal use or theft, or identity theft from discarded containers with patient information.



**Heard High School** is cooperating with the Heard County Community to STOP the abuse and sale of prescription drugs. This year there have been several incidents involving illegal possession and use of prescription drugs by the youth of Heard County. An estimated 20 percent of people in the US, including our youth, have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. "Parents need to know the trends regarding teens and drug abuse. Abuse of over-the-counter and prescription medication can be as harmful as using illicit drugs and in most cases much easier to obtain. Common sources for these drugs are the medicine cabinet at home, other family member's medicine and often old medicine that is no longer in use." Overdosing isn't the only way drugs can kill. We know from basic science that chemicals and compounds sometimes react with each other. So it can be risky-even DEADLY-to take certain medications or drugs together. Taking medicine/drugs without a prescription – or sharing a prescription drug with family or friends – is actually breaking the law.

## ATTENTION HEARD COUNTY CITIZENS!!! HELP DISPOSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



We want THE PUBLIC to take advantage of our community pharmaceutical take-back program (O:MC), which will provide a safe environment to properly dispose of any unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs, in or out of their original containers. We strongly encourage you to come out to support this program and help us STOP this abuse in our community. The dates and drop-off locations are as follows:

- February 25-28, 2010 (Thurs – Sun) from 8am – 8pm
- Franklin Fire Department
- Heard County Sheriff's Department
- 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church on the Square (Sunday Only)

For questions and/or concerns, please contact Heard County Sheriff's Department at (706)675-3329 or Franklin Police Department at (706)675-6624 or Heard High School at (706)675-3656.



**Thanks in advance for your SUPPORT!  
Heard County is a SAFE COMMUNITY. Let's keep it that way!**

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION TO INCLUDE:

Heard County School System  
Chamber of Commerce  
City Government(s)  
Fire Department  
Community Partnership

Sheriff's Department  
Police Department  
County Government  
Development Authority  
Surrounding Churches

