Cheektowaga police offer drug, needle drop boxes for residents

Cheektowaga Police have set up drop boxes for prescription drugs and sharp items at headquarters for residents to deposit medicines, needles and syringes they no longer need.

The drop boxes, installed in the lobby of police headquarters at 3223 Union Road, are monitored constantly by police personnel and via cameras, according to Assistant Chief James Speyer.

The prescription drug boxes are available for prescriptions, prescriptions patches, prescription medications, prescriptions ointments, over-the counter medications, vitamins, samples and medications for pets, according to Speyer. The other box is only for needles and syringes.

The program is being run by Lt. Brian Coons and the Police Department's Community Crime Prevention Office in conjunction with both the Erie County and New York State governments.