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Increase in Calvert County Textile Collection Boxes Helps Citizens and D.A.R.E Program

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. –April 11, 2017– The Calvert County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division added nine textile donation/collection containers throughout the county to provide more convenience for residents and increase its share of profits generated from the sale of the textiles. In addition, Mid-Atlantic Textile Company, the county’s textile recycling contractor, donated \$900 to the Calvert County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) program and placed D.A.R.E emblems on the new containers as well as on the existing containers at the county’s seven customer convenience centers to help raise awareness of drug abuse and prevention.

“The D.A.R.E. program is the key component used by sheriff’s deputies to teach students good decision-making skills at a young age and help them lead safe and healthy lives,” said Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans. “We are thrilled that the Solid Waste Division secured this donation in the course of doing good business for the citizens of Calvert County.”

“Instead of these resources being landfilled, the profitable and recyclable textiles are sold on the market for reuse by others or for fibers,” explained Calvert County Recycling Coordinator Bill Teter. “And by using these D.A.R.E. textile recycling containers, you are putting a percentage of Mid-Atlantic’s resale profits back in the county’s coffers. I hope residents think about where the profit goes next time they are choosing a drop-off box to place their gently used clothes.”

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Look for the new D.A.R.E. textile recycling containers located outside of the following nine public facilities: Calvert Pines Senior Center, Harriet Brown Community Center, Southern Community Center, Cove Point Park, Dunkirk District Park, Hallowing Point Park, Calvert Library's Fairview Branch and Southern Branch and the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center.

The Solid Waste Division accepts almost 100 percent of clean fabric and leather products for recycling. Tattered or frayed clean items are also accepted. For a full listing of acceptable textile products or to locate the 16 county-sponsored textile recycling locations, call the Calvert County Solid Waste Division at 410-326-0210 or visit www.co.cal.md.us/recycle.

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