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GUN BUYBACK EVENT - Saturday, May 6, 2023

North County Courthouse, Parking Lot
1050 Mission Road, South San Francisco, CA.

South San Francisco, CA – San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the County of San Mateo, the South San Francisco Police Department, the San Bruno Police Department, the Daly City Police Department, the Colma Police Department, and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback will hold an anonymous Gun Buyback event at the North County Courthouse Parking Lot; 1050 Mission Road in South San Francisco, CA, Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 10am to 2pm.

"Our gun buyback event provides a safe and anonymous way for community members to turn in firearms they no longer need or want. By participating in this event, you are helping to keep our communities safer by reducing the number of guns in circulation. We encourage all residents to consider taking advantage of this opportunity to make a positive impact in our community." - Sheriff Christina Corpus.

To those planning to attend, please remember to ***transport your firearms unloaded and in the trunk of your vehicle***. All guns will be accepted, no questions asked, in exchange for cash ranging from \$50-\$200!

\$50 cash for non-functioning firearms
\$100 cash for handguns, shotguns, or rifles
\$200 cash for assault weapons as classified in the State of California

In addition to removing firearms from the community, gun buyback events also provide an opportunity to educate the public about safe firearm storage and other gun safety protocols as well as distribute free gun locks.

"Gun violence remains an ever-present danger in our communities," said Supervisor Dave Pine. "By taking guns out of circulation, coupled with strong local safety policies, we can continue to reduce the prevalence and availability of guns." The County of San Mateo has hosted six Buyback events; yielding a total of 2,359 firearms collected to date.



This series of events, known as the *San Mateo County Gun Buy-Back Program* are scheduled to include two events per year through 2023 and are funded by a partnership between the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, which approved a grant of up to \$208,000 in Measure K Reserves, \$100,000 from the Sheriff's Office. With more \$67,000 raised by Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buy Back, a local community group.

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