

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## FLPD HOSTS GUN BUYBACK

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Broward Sheriff's Office, New Mount Olive Development Corporation and the New Mount Olive Baptist Church is proud to host a gun buyback event on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The event will take place on the New Mount Olive Baptist Church grounds, located at 400 Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The focus of this event is to enhance public safety by removing unwanted and / or unsecured firearms from the community. Anyone interested in turning in a firearm at this event, can do so without questions being asked. Depending on the condition of the firearm, individuals participating in the gun buyback will receive a monetary amount between \$25.00 and \$100.00 in Target gift cards.

The amount of the awarded gift cards will be based on the following schedule:

- > \$25.00 Small pistols (.22 to .38 caliber)
- > \$25.00 Any inoperable or rusted firearm
- ⋟ \$50.00 All Revolvers
- > \$75.00 Handguns, semi-automatic pistols (.9mm to .45 caliber)
- > \$100.00 Long guns (shotguns, rifles)

Non-traditional firearms (i.e. airsoft or pellet guns) can be turned in, but will not be purchased. Both traditional and non-traditional firearms obtained through this event will be destroyed.

Participants will be directed to enter the property from Northwest 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and then to an available parking space. After the transaction is completed participants will be directed to exit the property onto Northwest 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Participants are asked to follow these important safety tips:

- ✓ No ammunition
- ✓ Bring firearms unloaded and inside a secure bag or container
- ✓ Cylinder or action open

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department strongly encourages the public to join us on a mission to improve the safety of our neighborhoods.

Anyone requiring further information about this event should contact Lieutenant Steven Scelfo at 954-828-5824.