

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 and New Hope Baptist Church, is proud to host a gun buyback event on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

The event will take place on the New Hope Baptist Church grounds. The New Hope Baptist Church is located at 1321 Sistrunk Boulevard 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 card 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 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 our mission to improve the safety of our neighborhoods.

Anyone requiring further information about this event should contact Lieutenant Steven Scelfo at <u>sscelfo@fortlauderdale.gov</u> or 954-828-5824.