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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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FLPD HOSTS GUN BUYBACK AND UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF

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 and prescription drop-off event on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The event will take place at New Hope Baptist Church located at 1321 Sistrunk Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Anyone interested in turning in a firearm or unused prescriptions 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 eligible for a gift card. All firearms and prescription drugs 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 Sergeant Gary Martin at <u>garyma@fortlauderdale.gov</u> or 954-828-6016.

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