



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD IS PROUD TO SHARE THE SUCCESS OF OUR GUN BUYBACK EVENT

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department hosted a gun buyback event on Saturday, December 5, 2020 in partnership with New Hope Baptist Church, located at 1321 Northwest 6th Street, in the city of Fort Lauderdale. The event was originally scheduled to take place between 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The goal of the event was to work to make our neighborhoods safer by removing unwanted/unused guns from our community in exchange for a Walmart gift card.

This event sold out in record time and was one of our most successful yet. We collected a total of 61 guns; 25 handguns and 36 long guns. Additionally, we were also given two holsters, one box of ammunition, and five BB guns.

"I am thrilled to announce the success of this weekend's event. Participants showed up in record numbers to turn over their unwanted guns to be destroyed. Partnerships, such as this, with our community are what continue to make Fort Lauderdale safer," said Interim Police Chief Karen Dietrich.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department believes the success of this event is a true testament to our community's dedication to creating safer streets for the residents and visitors of our city. Anyone with information about a crime that occurred in the City of Fort Lauderdale is encouraged to contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at (954) 493-TIPS (8477).

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