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GUN BUYBACK EVENT **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Belmont, CA – San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus in conjunction with the County of San Mateo, the Belmont Police Department, the Redwood City Police Department, East Palo Alto Police Department, Menlo Park Police Department and the Citizens for San Mateo County Gun Buyback will hold an anonymous Gun Buyback event at 400 Harbor Boulevard, in Belmont, CA., Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10am to 2pm.

"Our gun buyback event provides a helpful and confidential way for community members to surrender firearms they no longer require or desire. Your participation in this event helps foster a safer environment for everyone by reducing the number of guns in circulation. We kindly encourage all residents to consider embracing this opportunity to make a positive and compassionate 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.



The County of San Mateo has hosted seven Buyback events; yielding a total of 2,623 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.

Written by Sergeant Javier Acosta
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