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### **Arlington Gun Buyback Event Nets 80 Firearms**

(Arlington, Ma) Arlington Police Chief Frederick Ryan is pleased to report that the Town's first gun buyback event, which took place on Saturday September 28th, received 80 firearms. The purpose of the Buyback event was to provide a service to allow Arlington residents to dispose of unwanted or unused firearms and ammunition. The event was spearheaded by several local organizations including the Park Ave Congregational Church UCC, Calvary Church United Methodist, Trinity Baptist Church, and First Parish Unitarian Universalist in cooperation with the Arlington Police Department and the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office.

"This is an excellent example of what we can accomplish when members of the community and law enforcement partner together in an effort to solve complex problems," said Chief Ryan. "We are fortunate to have such thoughtful and dedicated community members. Their efforts along with those who brought guns for disposal to the event provide some peace of mind for the community that these unwanted weapons will be properly disposed of."

During the course of the day eighty firearms were turned in for disposal including several rifles, shotguns, pistols, ammunition, and two assault rifles, which will be disposed of in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. Gift cards that were donated by local businesses were given out in exchange for the firearms.

"I want to thank Chief Ryan, the Arlington Police Department and the Arlington religious community for taking an active role in reducing the number of guns in Arlington," said Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "By getting these weapons out of homes we are making those residences and the entire community safer."

If residents should have questions regarding the Gun Buyback Program or would like information on what to do with unwanted and unused firearms and ammunition please contact Captain Juliann Flaherty at the Arlington Police Department at 781 316-3942 or via email [jflaherty@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:jflaherty@town.arlington.ma.us)

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