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Gun Buy-Back - Receive a Gift Card Or Skateboard Event to Honor All Victims of Gun Violence

**SDPD Chief David Nisleit and SDCSD Undersheriff Mike Barnett
will be available for interviews between 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. October 20th**

If you have an unwanted gun, or a gun that could fall into the wrong hands, you can turn it in and receive a gift card or a skateboard in return.

No questions asked.

The Unified African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC), San Diego Police Department, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the San Diego Training Center, and San Diego County District Attorney's Office have partnered to host an event to take your unwanted guns in return for a gift card. Details are:

Encanto Southern Baptist Church
6020 Akins Avenue
San Diego
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Saturday, October 20, 2018
\$100 - Handguns
\$100 - Shoulder Weapons
\$200 - Assault Weapons

There will be a limit of two gift cards per vehicle.

Anyone participating should place the unloaded firearm(s) in the trunk of their vehicle prior to arrival. A uniformed officer or deputy will give instructions at the location. All weapons collected will be destroyed.

“Participating in this program could very well save someone’s life by preventing guns getting into the wrong hands - or a child’s hands. We are proud to partner with the San Diego Sheriff’s Department, UAAMAC, the Training Center, San Diego District Attorney’s Office, and the community to honor victims of gun violence and work together to further reduce violent crime,” said San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit.

This event is being held to remove unwanted weapons from our community and to honor all victims of gun violence. It began more than 10 years ago after the murder of two local teenagers. “It is our hope people will honor not only these two young people, who lost their lives so senselessly, but *all* people who have died due to gun violence,” explained San Diego Sheriff Bill Gore.

Too often, weapons are stolen and end up in the hands of criminals, who use them to commit violent crimes in our neighborhoods,” said San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan. “Gun buyback programs are just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to protecting the public from gun violence. Turning in unwanted guns means guns are off the streets, won’t be stolen, and can’t be used to commit a crime or hurt someone.”

Reverend Gerald Brown, of the Unified African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) commented, “It has been 11 years since we lost the precious lives of 17-year-old Monique Palmer and 15-year-old Michael Taylor. They were gunned down on a Saturday night after leaving a house party in our neighborhood. The UAAMAC has continued a very successful partnership with the San Diego County District Attorney Office, the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, the San Diego Police Department, and the San Diego Training Center to promote peace and safety, for all San Diegans. Working collaboratively over the past ten years, we have collected nearly three thousand guns, assault weapons, and ammunition during these events. Most importantly, we vow to remember all, who have lost their lives to senseless gun violence. Monique Palmer and Michael Taylor will live eternally in our actions, hearts, and minds.”

Just over the past three years, 884 guns have been removed from our streets through this event. *Guns for Gift Cards* collects approximately 300 weapons during each event.

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Akins Avenue will be closed between 60th and 62nd on October 20, 2018, from 6:00 a.m., until Jan 1:00 p.m. People participating in the *Guns for Gift Cards* event are asked to arrive by way of 62nd Street onto Akins and follow the signposts and officials, who will assist with instructions. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The media is requested to not video-record participants or vehicle license plates without their express consent. A representative will be on scene to answer questions.

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