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2013 FRANKLIN COUNTY GUN BUY BACK PROGRAM



Franklin County District Attorney Derek Champagne announced today the intentions of Franklin County to participate in a county wide gun buyback program. Champagne stated that it is the intent of the program to remove in and all firearms that are no longer wanted or needed and reduce the number of illegal firearms from the streets of Franklin County. He stated that Franklin County will pay any person who surrenders an operable firearm a sum of one hundred and fifty dollars cash for any handgun or assault rifle, a sum of twenty five dollars cash for any operable long gun, whether it's a rifle or a shotgun and a sum of twenty dollars for any high capacity magazine which is capable of holding more than ten rounds of ammunition.

Champagne stated that anyone who surrenders an operable firearm will remain anonymous, no questions asked, and the District Attorney's office will grant amnesty from any firearm possession charges that may apply to any citizen who turns in an unwanted firearm.

There are several other counties throughout the state that are participating in similar programs or buyback initiatives and several questions have arisen from people who wish to surrender weapons, such as:

- HOW DO I BRING A GUN TO THE DROP OFF-SITE ?
Guns must be placed in a plastic bag or cardboard box.

- CAN I TRANSPORT THE GUN IN A CAR ?
If transporting the gun in a car, the gun must be transported in the trunk of the car.
- WHEN DO I GET THE MONEY FOR THE GUN ?
After the gun is screened by officers and determined to be operable, you will then be issued your money.
- CAN I SURRENDER A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN ?
Yes, rifles and shotguns will be accepted. However the payout for rifles and/or shotguns is only \$25.00.
- HOW MANY GUNS CAN I SURRENDER ?
You can surrender as many guns you wish, but you only receive payment for up to three guns, for a maximum of \$450.00.
- IS THERE A PHONE NUMBER I CAN CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION ?
Yes, you can call 518-521-1007 for more information concerning the gun buyback.
- CAN ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SURRENDER A GUN ?
Active or retired law enforcement officers and licensed gun dealers are not eligible to participate in the program.

The goal of the program is to reduce firearm related violent crime by taking firearms off the streets and encourage community participation in an effort to deter firearm violence.

Champagne added that there will be several drop-off points and dates throughout Franklin County and the first locations will be in the southern end of County and continue northward.

January 23, 2013 will be the first date and anyone wishing to surrender a operable handgun, rifle, shotgun or high capacity magazine can do so at the Hogansburg Akwesasne Fire Department, 818 State Route 37, Hogansburg, NY 13655 or Constable Fire Department, State Route 122, Constable, NY 12926 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.