

Buyback Event Offers Safe Surrender of Unwanted Guns

July 23 at Fiesta Nissan, 2005 St. Michaels Dr.

Santa Fe, July 18, 2022 – The City of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Police Department are partnering with New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence (NMPGV) and Fiesta Nissan of Santa Fe for a 2022 Gun Buyback Event. The Buyback Event will be on Saturday July 23, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Fiesta Nissan located at 2005 St. Michaels Drive.

Fiesta Nissan is helping to sponsor the event. NMPGV is a 501(c)3 whose mission is to reduce firearm injury, death through education, public health, advocacy, and public awareness in order to protect the safety of our families and communities.

This is the fifth gun buyback event SFPD and NMPGV has held to support responsible gun ownership and keep unwanted firearms out the wrong hands. It is the 15th Guns to Gardens buyback NMPGV has done in New Mexico.

The event is a safe surrender event facilitated by NMPGV and no information is retained on the participant turning in the firearms. Participants can turn in as many firearms as they like, but they must be in working condition and unloaded. Guns should be kept in the trunks of all vehicles. NMPGV will provide participants a gift card/s in exchange for each firearm turned in. The gift cards are purchased by NMPGV and Fiesta Nissan, not at the expense of the City of Santa Fe. The value of the gift card is dependent on the firearm turned in:

- \$250.00 for M1 Garand, AR15 and AK47 type rifles
- \$200.00 for semi-automatic handguns and rifles
- \$100.00 for long guns, shot guns and revolver pistols

Gift cards will be for Brewers Gas, Target, Walmart, Amazon, Food King and Smiths. NMPGV will also be providing gunlocks to gun owners free of charge.

Once the surrender is completed and gift card issued, SFPD personnel will assist with conducting a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) inquiry on the surrendered firearms to ensure they are not stolen. If a firearm is determined to be stolen, the firearm will be entered into evidence and the rightful owner contacted to retrieve their property.

Participants will be required to stay in their car and if possible, store firearm/s in the trunk of the vehicle.

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