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PRESS RELEASE

The Guilford Police Department, the Ethan Miller Song Foundation and Swords into Plowshares Northeast Announce the September 26, 2020 - Gun Buy-Back Event.

**Where: Guilford Police Department
400 Church Street Guilford, CT 06437
Phone: 203-453-8061**

**When: Saturday September 26, 2020 (rain or shine)
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The Guilford Police Department, in cooperation and collaboration with the Ethan Miller Song Foundation, and Swords into Plowshares Northeast, will conduct a voluntary gun buyback and safe firearm storage event. The primary goal of the event is to remove unwanted firearms from the community by helping gun owners safely dispose of their unwanted weapons. Last year, thanks to responsible gun owners, 80 guns were turned in for destruction and a number of firearm safes & gun locks were distributed.

We are proud to once again partner with the **Ethan Miller Song Foundation, and the Swords into Plowshares Northeast**. The gun buyback event provides an opportunity for people to anonymously and safely dispose of unwanted and unsecured weapons in exchange for **Cash**. The goal is to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands such as: children, individuals who may be in crisis, perpetrators of domestic violence, and criminals.

The event will also promote gun safety and safe firearm storage. For gun owners who want to keep their guns but seek a responsible way to better secure their weapons, gun locks will be provided free of charge. In addition, there will be a very limited supply of gun safes (must possess a valid gun permit to be eligible). Participants will also be treated to a demonstration of **"Swords into Plowshares"**: the forging of destroyed guns into gardening tools.

The buyback will provide CASH to those who turn in any working firearm.

- **\$10 - BB, Pellet, CO₂ guns**
- **\$25 - Single and Double-shot (Derringer style) Handguns**
- **\$50 - Rifles and Shotguns**
- **\$100 - Pistols and Revolvers**
- **\$300 - Assault Weapons (*to be determined by GPD*)**

Guns must be delivered unloaded in clear plastic bags, and any ammunition must be delivered in a separate bag. **No questions asked and no identification will be required, as the identity of all individuals will remain anonymous.**

Please note: COVID-19 guidelines will be strictly enforced. All participants MUST wear a mask and comply with all social distancing guidelines.

