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NEWS ADVISORY

- WHAT:** Second Gun Buy Back Event-**Saturday, August 22, 2020**
Hosted by Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz
and the New York City Police Department
- WHEN:** **District Attorney Melinda Katz will have a media availability at 2:45 p.m.**
- WHERE:** Macedonia Baptist Church
330 Beach 67th Street
Arverne, Queens

District Attorney Katz said, “We had a very successful gun buy back event last week – 117 operable pistols and long guns were removed from our communities. We want to do it again and take even more firearms off our streets. To reverse the recent spike in gun violence, it will take all of us working together. Each gun turned in tomorrow, is a potential life saved.”

People with a legal or illegal gun are invited to trade it in for a reward. Each working handgun nets a \$200 bank card. For each rifle, shotgun, BB gun or air pistol, the reward is a \$25 bank card. One can turn in as many firearms as they have, but the reward is no more than three \$200 bank cards. The bank cards can be used as a debit card with merchants or get cash at any ATM.

This is a no questions asked and 100 percent anonymous event.

Participants should bring unloaded weapons in paper or plastic bags or shoe boxes when brought to the church. If transported by car, the gun must be in the trunk of the vehicle.

Funding for the gun buy back events were shared equally between the Queens District Attorney’s Office and the New York City Police Department.

Please note that gun dealers and active or retired law enforcement firearms are not acceptable.

*If your media outlet is interested in covering this event, we ask your representative to stay at least one block away from the site to avoid discouraging anonymous participation.

