Washtenaw County Media Release

Washtenaw County Law Enforcement Agencies Collaborate to Hold Gun Safety Week 2014

All the law enforcement agencies in Washtenaw County have joined together to help make our County and our residents safer, by holding a Gun Safety Week July 20th through July 26th, 2014. The purpose of the Washtenaw County Gun Safety Week is to educate and raise awareness about issues related to gun safety and encourage responsible gun ownership.

Some of the law enforcement agencies will be giving away free gun locks to the public. Please contact your local agency if you would like a free gun lock. As a reminder, firearms are not permitted on either the University of Michigan or Eastern Michigan University campuses. All of the law enforcement agencies will have information about gun safety and how residents can help keep themselves and their families safe. The Washtenaw County Board of Commission will pass a resolution on July 9th declaring the week of July 20th through July 26th as Gun Safety Week in Washtenaw County. Other local governing bodies may also pass similar resolutions.

The Washtenaw County law enforcement agencies and community partners will be holding a press conference to help raise awareness about responsible firearm ownership and publicize Gun Safety Week 2014. Representatives of law enforcement agencies will be on hand to talk about how we can keep our community, families and children safer. The press conference will take place Thursday July 10th at 11:30 am in front of the main entrance to the WCSO , 2201 Hogback, Ann arbor, MI 48105.

Groups from the mental health community, organizations concerned with gun safety, and members of the faith community are also partnering to support Gun Safety Week 2014 to help raise awareness and increase public safety. Law Enforcement agencies, members of the criminal justice community and community groups that are collaborating to support Gun Safety Week 2014 include:

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office
Ann Arbor PD
Pittsfield Department of Public Safety
Chelsea PD
Saline PD
Michigan State Police
Ypsilanti PD
Milan PD
U of M PD
EMU PD
Northfield PD

Washtenaw County Government
Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office
Washtenaw County Office of Public Defender
Physicians to Prevent Gun Violence
Moms Demand Action
Washtenaw Alive
SafeHouse
Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice
WCSO Council of Clergy
Washtenaw County Health Organization
Community Support and Treatment Services (CTS)

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