

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA ALERT

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Police Department to Host Gun Buy Back

100.3 The Beat, ClearChannel Radio and KPLR-TV Team Up for the Community Event

The Metropolitan Police Department along with 100.3 The Beat, ClearChannel Radio and KPLR-TV have teamed up to bring back the Department's popular Gun Buy Back Program on Saturday, December 13, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at The Omega Center located at 3900 Goodfellow.

The Department has seen many instances where suspects, particularly juveniles, commit a crime with an older weapon that the rightful owner no longer uses, has forgotten about, or has seemingly lost track of. The goal of the Department's Gun Buy Back Program is to reduce the number of firearms in the community. As an incentive, citizens who turn in assault-type weapons will receive \$100.00 cash while those turning in revolvers and shotguns will receive \$50.00 cash. The Gun Buy Back is being held at no cost to the taxpayers of St. Louis. To pay for the event, the Department is using money that was previously seized as a result of criminal enterprises.

Last year, 536 weapons were turned in during the event including (1) semi-automatic machine gun, (127) rifles, (161) shotguns and (247) semi-automatic weapons and revolvers.

**Who: Metropolitan Police Department, 100.3 The Beat,
ClearChannel Radio and KPLR-TV**

What: Gun Buy Back Program

**Where: The Omega Center
3900 Goodfellow**

**When: Saturday, December 13, 2008
9:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.**

(Reporters/Editors: The media is invited to cover this event from 9am-11am.)

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