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Gun Buyback Event

On Saturday March 24th, the Santa Cruz County Law Enforcement Chief's Association sponsored a gun buyback event to purchase unwanted firearms from members of the community. This effort is one of many ways our local Law Enforcement leaders are working to reduce gun violence in Santa Cruz County.

Saturday morning, hundreds of people lined up to turn in their guns for cash, resulting in the collection of 618 handguns, rifles, shotguns and assault weapons. All firearms collected during the buyback will be destroyed following processing. Sheriff Hart said, "The gun buyback was a great event. Getting rid of unwanted firearms is just one step of many we need to take to reduce gun violence in our community."

The Chief's Association would like to thank the community partners who assisted at the event – Peace United Church, Youth Violence Prevention Task Force and Monarch Services, as well as the public who turned in their unwanted firearms to create a safer environment in their homes and communities.