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Orleans Correctional Facility inmates team up with the Rochester Police Department to take a stand against violence in Rochester

Gun buyback program supported by inmate funds

In continuation of Chief James Sheppard's policing in the spirit of service and his goal to unite the community and the police against violent crime on the streets of Rochester. The Rochester Police Department will collaborate with inmates of Orleans Correctional Facility, Full Gospel Tabernacle Church and the newly formed Rochester Police Foundation in a program to combat violence.

Inmates of the Orleans Correctional Facility's "Civic Duty Initiative Team" received agency approval to raise money for the purpose of funding a gun buyback program to benefit the City of Rochester, NY. Corrections and Community Supervision Commissioner Brian Fischer said *"Public Safety remains a critical component of everyone's concern. Taking a common-sense approach to facilitate a gun buyback project will help save lives. With the idea of a few, and the determination of many, together we can reduce gun violence and make great strides in our communities. I commend the inmates at the Orleans Correctional Facility and their Civic Duty Initiative Team for their dedication to this project."*

This initiative is significant because the inmates of the Orleans Correctional Facility wanted to make a difference and come together for the common purpose of saving lives. From inside the prison, to the young men and women on the streets of Rochester, they wanted to convey the message that, "Violence is not the answer". Rochester Police Chief James Sheppard said *"The Rochester Police Department is*

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committed to thinking outside the box on ways to partner with members of this community to end the violence in Rochester. It is truly remarkable that the violence and deaths of so many of our young people in our city has motivated the inmates from the Orleans Correctional Facility to initiate such proactive effort. Their willingness to take action to assist us in our mission to end the violence is truly monumental”.

Inmates raised \$1,050.00 in 18 months for this effort and presented the funds on August 21st. This amount was matched by Rev. Ira White and members of the congregation at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church located at 614 Clifford Avenue. Additionally this amount was then matched by the Rochester Police Foundation.

The Gun buyback date is set for **Saturday, September 22nd from 1pm to 5pm**, at Pastor Ira White’s **Full Gospel Tabernacle Gospel Church** located at 614 Clifford Avenue.

The inmates asked that the funds be used to collect guns off the streets of Rochester.

- Long Gun: \$50 Gift Card from Wegmans
- Hand Gun: \$100 Gift Card from Wegmans

GUN "Violence is not the Answer"
DROP - OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Full Gospel Tabernacle Church
614 Clifford Avenue

Sponsored by:
Orleans Correctional Facility Inmates' Civic Duty Initiative Team
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