Press Release

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City Event Takes Guns Off the Street

On Saturday, December 7th, the City of Artesia held a Gun Buy Back Event at AJ Padelford Park in Artesia. The event offered an opportunity for Artesia residents to turn in unwanted firearms for a reward. Artesia residents turned in 14 unwanted guns at the event, including one military-style rifle, helping to make our community safer.

Depending on the type of firearm turned in, residents received either a $200, $100, or $50 gift card to a major retailer. During the event, residents turned in ten handguns, three rifles, and one semi-automatic military-style rifle. Every gun turned in makes Artesia safer.

Over the last several years, the City has made great strides in reducing crime with the help of the Sheriff's Department. Crime in Artesia was down 28% last year, on top of a 35% decrease the year before that, and the City dedicates nearly half of its budget to public safety. The City will continue finding ways to work with law enforcement to improve public safety in the community.

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