



Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2023
To: King County Council **Via:** Direct
From: Chief Jeffrey Flohr
Re: **GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM RESULTS**

Greetings King County Councilmembers,

It is my pleasure to report the results of the first gun buyback for the 2023-2024 budget year. As you are aware, the King Council provided KCSO with \$100,000.00 to conduct at least two buyback events during the 2023-2024 budget cycle.

Event #1 (4-1-2023) Results:

Antiques	Muzzle-Loading	Rifles (not AR-15)	Shotguns	Revolvers	Pistols	AR-15s	Other	Gift Card Amount
7	8	75	70	46	68	11	2	\$ 36,525.00
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Highlights:

- 287 total firearms
- 11 AR-15 “Assault Rifle” type firearms
- 68 handguns
- None of the firearms were reported stolen
- Ballistic testing is currently being performed on rifles and pistols
- Guns (except antiques) will be destroyed after 90 days
- Over 10,000 rounds of ammunition turned in for destruction

Costs:

Gift cards exchanged for firearms	\$36,525
Operational costs (to include planning, labor, language translation services, ammunition destruction and firearms testing)	\$27,255
Total funding spent on first event	\$63,780

Remaining funds for next buyback event: \$36,220.00

*Chief Flohr will explain in a presentation to KC Council his estimation on why operating costs for the next buyback event will be reduced. There were one-time expenditures of overtime to develop the programs that are now in place.

Next gun buyback is slated for North King County. The Shoreline and Kenmore contract cities have expressed interest in hosting. Chief Flohr will get feedback from the KC Council on the idea of a North King County buyback.

The second gun buyback event of 2023 will happen in the fall of 2023. Chief Flohr will explain in the presentation why fall of 2023 and not sooner.

Respectfully submitted,



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CC:

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