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El Paso County to Host One-Day, 100% Anonymous, Gun Buyback Event

EL PASO, TX — El Paso County will be hosting a one-day, 100% anonymous gun buyback event on **October 28, 2023**.

El Paso County, in partnership with the El Paso County Attorney's Office and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, is offering the public money in the form of prepaid MasterCard gift cards in exchange for their unwanted firearms, including nonfunctioning firearms. Ammunition will also be accepted; however no monetary value will be given as the gift cards only apply to firearms. **Ghost guns will not be accepted during this event.**

The drive-up, gun buyback event will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from **8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Ascarate Park located at 6900 Delta Drive, El Paso, Texas. Anyone can participate and **voluntarily** turn in up to ten unwanted firearms for money, with no questions asked.

A news conference will be held that morning at 9:30 a.m. at the site of the drive-up event.

"Hosting an anonymous gun buyback event is an innovative and creative way for the County of El Paso to fight gun violence," said Congresswoman Veronica Escobar. "I applaud all who exchange their firearms, especially those weapons of war that have no business being on our streets or in our homes. Every action, big or small, can help make our community safer from gun violence."

Buyback Amount and Firearms Accepted:

- \$ 50 - Non-Functioning Firearms
- \$100 - Rifles and Shotguns
- \$150 - Handguns
- \$200 - Assault Rifles

Participants are asked to place their unloaded firearms in the trunks or rear of their vehicles for collection. For further information, please call (915) 546-2014.

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