County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Departments: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1 & SHERIFF

Board Meeting Date: 5/22/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

Subject: San Mateo County Gun Buy-Back Event

RECOMMENDATION:
Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:
With a stated goal of reducing the number of firearms in San Mateo County, a citizens group from San Carlos, "Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buy-Back" initiated a program to coordinate a gun buy back event held in Redwood City on May 5, 2018.

DISCUSSION:
This program was the vision of a group of citizens who reached out to the Sheriff's Office for assistance in facilitating the event. The "Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buy-Back" also contacted city officials within the county to raise the funds necessary to complete the project. A total of $136,000 was collected from participating cities, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office worked with the Redwood City Police Department to facilitate and staff the event. Both agencies provided the necessary equipment to ensure that the event occurred safely. The San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services' Mobile Command Vehicle and Public Information Trailer were used to provide office space and the required wireless connection to utilize laptops for on-site gun data entry. The Redwood City Police Department provided sign boards for traffic safety and public information.

Participants were able to anonymously surrender their firearms and were given up to $100 for a handgun, a shotgun or rifle, and up to $200 for an assault rifle. A total of 426 guns were surrendered, including 16 assault weapons, 196 hand guns, and 214 long guns. All firearms will be destroyed after

they are processed.