New Bedford Police sponsoring gun safety exchange on Nov. 4

Residents can prevent future gun tragedies by turning in firearms at the Gun Safety Exchange Program sponsored by the New Bedford Police Department to be held this Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 4, 2017 at New Bedford Police Headquarters, 871 Rockdale Ave.

The exchange encourages residents to turn in guns, no questions asked. One fewer gun on the streets means one less opportunity for violence and tragedy.

Unwanted Pellet, B.B. and Airsoft guns as well as ammunition will also be accepted at the exchange

Everyone turning in a firearm will receive a gift certificate to an area business.

Anyone without an active firearms license wishing to turn in a gun can call the New Bedford Police Department beforehand at 508-991-6350 to avoid being prosecuted for illegal transportation of a firearm. However, the exchange is anonymous; no one will be asked for his or her name.

For more information on the Gun Safety Exchange Program, call 508-991-6300, ext. 79573.