



# INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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## GIFTS 4 GUNS

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, the Inglewood Police Department is conducting the GIFTS 4 GUNS exchange program. GIFTS 4 GUNS is a community safety program allowing residents to **anonymously** turn in firearms to the Police Department. In exchange for each firearm that is turned in, the Police Department will issue a \$100 gift card (while supplies last) to the person that brings in the weapon. GIFTS 4 GUNS encourages the voluntary surrendering of firearms in an effort to make Inglewood a safer community.

GIFTS 4 GUNS will be conducted in a secure parking lot area behind the Target and Home Depot stores located at 3471 West Century Boulevard in the City of Inglewood. The program hours are from 10am to 4pm, and participants should enter the parking lot through the entrance on Village Drive. Participants will be contacted and directed into the designated gun exchange area by uniformed police personnel.

The Police Department will issue a **maximum of three (3) gift cards per participant.** However, the Department will gladly accept any additional and/or unwanted firearms that are brought to the exchange site.

To ensure the safety of everyone involved, the Police Department requests persons participating in GIFTS 4 GUNS abide by the following procedures:

- All firearms should be **UNLOADED** before being transported to the gun exchange site.
- **If coming by vehicle:** All firearms should be stored in the trunk / rear compartment of the vehicle during transportation to the exchange site. No more than three (3) firearms should be transported in one vehicle.
- **If coming by foot:** All firearms should be placed inside a sturdy bag (such as a gym bag or suitcase) and brought to the exchange site. No more than three (3) firearms should be placed in one bag.

Further questions about the GIFTS 4 GUNS program should be directed to the Inglewood Police Department's Community Affairs Section at 310-412-5530.

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