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Machine Gun Pistol, Hollow Points Highlight Haul of Weapons in Jersey City Gun Buyback Program

JERSEY CITY - Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and police officials displayed 65 firearms taken into custody today, including a dangerous machine gun pistol called a "Street Sweeper", all of which were gathered during Day 1 of the city's gun buyback program.

Dubbed Operation LifeSaver II, police officials were thrilled that 65 firearms were turned in to churches and city community centers that participated in the first of consecutive weekends where police give amnesty and cash to residents turning in firearms. The big catch during Saturday's haul, a Mac 10 machine gun pistol and another semi-automatic handgun that was loaded with deadly hollow-point bullets.

"I have to commend the citizens who turned in these weapons because at any turn they could end up for whatever reason in the hands of a lawbreaker or being used in the heat of the moment during a dispute," said Mayor Healy, who launched LifeSaver I early into his administration in 2005 where police recovered more than 900 guns. "Like many good things, there will always be critics who don't support this initiative, but would they rather have these weapons being collected by cops or in the hands of someone who has nothing but bad intentions for them?"

The cache of weapons collected was paid for absence of tax payer dollars and solely on the donations of local residents, businesses and a grant from the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

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“If you look at the capability of the ammunition of one of the weapons we recovered you have to say it is a success,” said JCPD Chief Tom Comey. “The damage that could be caused by that one Mac 10 - the devastation could be immeasurable to the community. And the ammunition, hollow points are designed to cause extreme soft tissue damage once it enters your body. We are pleased by the turnout because these things are no longer available to the criminal element of our society.”

Gun Buyback II continues on July 23 from 12 noon to 4 pm. To turn in your weapons during the suggested time report to the locations: St. Joseph’s Church, 511 Pavonia Avenue; Monumental Baptist Church 121 Lafayette Street; and Heavenly Temple Church, 15 MLK Drive./