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Project ChildSafe Comes to Davis

Firearm Safety Kits Available for Free

Davis Police Department will provide free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, are available at the Davis Police Department. Safety kits will also be available at Neighborhood Watch meetings and Farmers' Market which will be scheduled at later dates.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearms safety kits throughout the country over the next year, via local law enforcement agencies. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We are encouraging residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm," said Davis Police Chief Jim Hyde. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from discharging the firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Davis Police Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

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