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FREE GUN DISPOSAL EVENT HELPS RESIDENTS GET RID OF 65 FIREARMS INCLUDING AN UZZI



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 24, 2019) —Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Montgomery County police chiefs announce that 65 firearms were collected during the two-day “Operation Safe Homes” free, gun collection event held at eight police departments throughout Montgomery County. Among the firearms collected were semi-automatic handguns, revolvers, long guns and one Uzzi.

“I am pleased that working with the participating police departments we were able to help so many people get rid of unwanted firearms,” said DA Steele. “Over the two years, more than 170 firearms have been safely destroyed. This is a terrific community service event where we can help people who don’t know what to do with an unwanted gun and yet don’t want to sell it to a dealer, who will then sell it on.”

“Operation Safe Homes” locations and totals were:

- **Abington Township Police Department**, 13 (34 total for both years);
- **Jenkintown Borough Police Department**, 2 (was not part of the pilot in 2018);
- **Lansdale Borough Police Department**, 5 (was not part of the pilot in 2018);
- **Lower Merion Township Police Department**, 6 (17 total for both years);
- **Lower Salford Township Police Department**, 5 (15 total for both years);
- **Pottstown Borough Police Department**, 13 (29 total for both years);
- **Upper Merion Township Police Department**, 1 (29 total for both years);
- **Whitpain Township Police Department**, 20 (45 total for both years).

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