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### **OPD Supports December Gun Buyback**

*Oakland, CA* — The Oakland Police Department supports Youth UpRising and will be actively involved in the Oakland Gun Buyback scheduled for December 14, 2013.

“Removing guns that can potentially fall into the hands of criminals is a vital part of reducing gun violence in our City,” said Chief Sean Whent.

The official Oakland Gun Buyback event, scheduled for December 14, 2013, is part of a statewide gun buyback initiative and will be co-hosted by Youth UpRising in partnership with Gun by Gun, an organization founded in 2013 to prevent gun violence by reducing the number of unwanted and illegal guns in the community while creating a new outlet for action on the issue of gun violence prevention.

Other cities participating in the official December day of action include Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose.

Oakland’s Gun Buyback is being funded by crowdfunding, in which resources are collectively pooled on the internet to support efforts like the gun buyback. Multiple donations, no matter how small, can add up to many guns taken out of circulation. To donate on line, go to the Gun by Gun crowdfunding webpage at <https://www.gunbygun.org/oakland-gun-buyback>

Further details about the location and time of the December 14, 2013 gun buyback will be released when confirmed.

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- The OPD Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com).

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

Visit [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, [@oaklandpoliceca](https://twitter.com/oaklandpoliceca).

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