

## **Gifts for Guns – December 17, 2011**

### **Gun Buy Back Program**

Administered by the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Delaware citizens overwhelmingly supported the Gun Buy Back turning in thousands of firearms at Canaan Baptist Church and Ezion Fair Baptist Church. Delaware State troopers, Wilmington police and New Castle County police collected a variety of firearms including assault weapons, handguns, shotguns, and rifles at two locations.

The General Assembly, through Senate Bill 25, allocated \$100,000 for the Gun Buy Back. Due to the overwhelming response, those funds were expended by mid-day. However, the Governor's Office authorized additional funding allowing police to continue accepting weapons and issuing vouchers.

### **Information on Redeeming Gun Buy Back Vouchers:**

- Citizens will be able to redeem vouchers for bank gift cards as soon as they become available.
- Additional bank gift cards have been ordered and the redemption date will be set when the cards are received.
- The original numbered voucher issued on December 17<sup>th</sup> must be presented at redemption to receive the gift card. Gifts cards cannot be issued without the original vouchers.
- The redemption will take place at Canaan Baptist Church located at 3011 New Castle Ave., New Castle.
- The Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS) will utilize local media to publish the date of redemption.
- Additional information and updates about the redemption will also be posted on the following websites:
  1. Delaware State Police website at <http://dsp.delaware.gov>
  2. DE Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security at <http://dshs.delaware.gov>
- Citizens can call the Department at (302) 744-2680 for updates also.

### **Please note:**

**Do not bring additional weapons to the redemption site. No weapons will be collected during the redemption.**

