

DeKalb Police Firearms Take Back

Dear Community Members,

As Police Chief I would like to introduce you to the “DeKalb Police Firearms Take Back” program. This program was created to reduce the number of unwanted firearms in our homes in order to reduce their availability for unlawful purposes on the street.

It is our goal to have these firearms turned in for appropriate disposal. In order to accomplish this we need your help, so please consider surrendering any firearms in your possession that you no longer need or want.

Respectfully,

Chief Gene Lowery



Mission Statement

The members of the DeKalb Police Department are committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community.

Vision Statement

A city where our families, businesses, and culture prosper in an environment in which all people are treated with dignity, equity, and respect.

DeKalb Police Headquarters

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all emergencies**

DeKalb Police FIREARMS TAKE BACK PROGRAM



**For questions,
please call:
815-748-8400**



The DeKalb Police Firearms Take back Program asks you to either legally sell your unwanted guns to a reputable gun dealer or turn in unwanted / illegal guns to the Police Department .

Gun take backs will take place beginning April 1st, 2015 and will run Monday through Friday 9am-3pm at DeKalb Police Headquarters.

If you do not have a FOID or do not wish to deliver the firearm to DeKalb Police Headquarters and would like to arrange for a private pickup, call 815-748-8400 between the hours of 8am and 11pm.

The DeKalb Police Department will not arrest you for unlawful possession of an illegal firearm if you are surrendering the firearm in compliance with the guidelines of this program. However, amnesty will not be given for any crime committed with that firearm or for any crime committed while in possession of that firearm. If protocol is not followed, or if the DeKalb Police find you with a weapon and determine you are not participating in the take back, the DeKalb Police may effectuate an arrest for unlawful possession.

Turn-In Procedure

1. You must make an appointment.
2. Gun must be delivered unloaded.
3. Before bringing a handgun to be turned in, the gun must be sealed/taped in a clear plastic bag, then the bagged gun must be put into another container (gym bag, backpack, etc.) that is not see-through. Long guns can be wrapped in a blanket. Leave properly bagged guns locked in your vehicle when you arrive at the DeKalb Police Department.
4. If depositing ammunition, it must be delivered in a separate bag.
5. When transporting a gun by vehicle, gun must be transported unloaded in the trunk or cargo area of the vehicle.
6. The gun will be taken in by designated officers at DeKalb Police Headquarters.
7. In addition to regular firearms, junk, non-working, antique, replica, pellet, and BB guns will also be accepted.
8. This program is for residents of the City of DeKalb.

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Take back Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 3pm

at

DeKalb Police

Headquarters

700 W. Lincoln Hwy

DeKalb, IL 60115

Or schedule a pickup by
calling 815-748-8400



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What is the Firearm Take Back Program?**
- A.** The Program is a proactive measure, designed to take guns off the streets of DeKalb and prevent thefts of unwanted or unused guns during home burglaries. The program asks DeKalb residents to either legally sell their unwanted guns to a reputable gun dealer or turn in their unwanted gun(s) to the DeKalb Police Department. This program will allow DeKalb residents to anonymously dispose of firearms without fear of charges for unlawful possession when these program guidelines are followed.
- Q: Why does the DeKalb Police have this program?**
- A:** This program will allow our citizens to safely dispose of unwanted firearms from their homes, thereby decreasing their availability for theft and use in violent crimes.
- Q: What if I do not want to bring a firearm to DeKalb Police Headquarters or cannot do so during the posted hours of 9am-3pm M-F?**
- A:** Call our non-emergency number, 815-748-8400, to arrange for a private pickup.

Q: What is the protocol for turning in a firearm?

A: In order to avoid a possible arrest for unlawful possession of a firearm at the time you turn in the weapon, protocol **MUST** be followed. This protocol includes:

- You **MUST** call to make an appointment for the drop-off or pick-up of the unwanted firearms(s).
- The firearms **MUST** be delivered to us unloaded.
- When possible, firearms should first be put in a clear plastic bag, sealed in some manner, and then the bagged gun must be put into another container (gym bag, backpack, etc.) that is not see-through. This is especially important with handguns. Long guns should be transported in a proper case or wrapped in a blanket, tarp, or something similar.
- If depositing ammunition in addition to a gun, ammunition must be delivered in a separate bag.
- If transporting a gun by vehicle, gun must be transported in the trunk of the vehicle by somebody legally authorized to possess firearms (example – 18 years of age or older with a valid Firearms Owner Identification Card - FOID).
- The packaged firearm should be left in your vehicle when you arrive at the police department. Officers at the police department will retrieve it.
- If you are not authorized to possess a gun and do not have a FOID card, please do not transport the gun to our police department. We will come to your home and pick it up.

Q: Do I have to leave my name?

A: No, this is a “no questions asked” program, which means you can choose to remain anonymous.

Q: What types of guns are accepted?

A: All firearms will be accepted.

Q: Is there a financial incentive?

A: At this time we will not pay for guns turned in to us. We offer this service to our community as a way to get unwanted guns out of homes and eliminate the homeowner’s risk of theft, misuse, or accidental discharge.

Q: What happens after the gun is turned in?

A: The weapon will either be retained by the DeKalb Police Department, slated for destruction, or otherwise properly disposed of.

Q: Who can I contact with further questions?

A: Community Relations Officer Chad McNett is available for questions at 815-748-8439