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### Guns Still Being Stolen From Vehicles in Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department is asking gun owners to help reduce the number of firearms being stolen from vehicles by practicing responsible gun ownership. This year, a gun has been stolen out of a vehicle in Tacoma every 57 hours. That adds up to 51 guns stolen during vehicle prowls this year alone.

The good news is that this is an improvement from last year's numbers. At this time last year, there had been 71 guns stolen from vehicles in Tacoma. **But 51 stolen guns is still far too many.**

Gun owners can help prevent these thefts by taking the following precautions:

- Do not leave firearms in your vehicle
- Keep firearms secured and follow safe handling procedures
- Keep firearms out of the hands of juveniles

"We are thankful for the help of our community in reducing the numbers of guns stolen in vehicle prowls, but we still have a lot of work to do." said Tacoma Police Chief Avery Moore. "Too often, stolen guns are ending up in the hands of our youth. No gun owner wants their weapon being used against children or other community members. Please, secure your handguns, and help us keep everyone in Tacoma safer."

The Tacoma Police Department would like to thank everyone who turned in their unwanted guns at the Gun Giveback event on Sunday, April 30. 128 guns were taken to be destroyed and won't be harming youth in our neighborhoods.

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