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Metropolitan Police, Project ChildSafe & Child Safety Day Team Up to Offer Free Gun Locks

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”), Project ChildSafe and Child Safety Day are teaming up to distribute free cable-style gun locks and gun safety information to citizens on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 for “Project Gun Safety: A Smart Gun Owner is a Safe Gun Owner.” Gun locks will be available at 2832 Arsenal, 1530 Lafayette Avenue and 3700 Union Boulevard from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or until supplies are depleted.

Cable-style gun locks require a weapon to be unloaded with the magazine removed. Simply unloading but not locking a weapon is not a sufficient safety precaution, as children who find unloaded weapons might also find ammunition or may remove the weapons from the residence. Cable-style gun locks prevent a gun from being loaded and can reduce the chances of a child becoming the victim of a gun accident. Gun owners should always take measures to store guns out of the reach of children and other unauthorized persons. The keys to gun locks should be stored separately from the weapon.

The gun locks were provided to the department at no cost by Project ChildSafe, a gun safety initiative supported by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the Department of Justice. This event is being held as a precursor to Child Safety Day, which is held annually to promote the physical, emotional and social safety of children. The 2011 Child Safety Day will take place on October 8, 2011 in the 6100 block of Delmar.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department, Project ChildSafe, Child Safety Day
What: Project Gun Safety: A Smart Gun Owner is a Safe Gun Owner
Free cable-style gun locks, free gun safety information
When: Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: 2832 Arsenal St. (5 Star Senior Center, 2 blocks east of Gravois Ave.)
3700 Union Blvd. (Phillips 66 at Natural Bridge Ave. & Union Blvd.)
1530 Lafayette Ave. (Walgreens at Truman Parkway & Lafayette Ave.)

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