



Operation “Keep ‘em Safe”

Reducing gun theft begins with us all.

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The Sanford Police Department and the East Coast Gang Investigators Association - New England Chapter have teamed up with Cabela’s and Liberty Safes to spread the message to “**Keep ‘em Safe.**” Cabela’s and Liberty safes have long been in the business of firearm security.

We all are familiar with trigger locks, locking cables, and safes. Our hope is to increase the use of safes. We would like to partner with each of you in our community to spread the message of “**Keep ‘em Safe**” to help reduce the number of stolen firearms.

There are many firearms stolen in the US every day. Weapons are stolen during residential and commercial burglaries to include vehicle burglaries nation wide.

We would like to enlist your help and limit the number of firearms stolen annually. Stolen firearms all too often end up on the streets in the hands of criminals.

In 2010 alone there were 227,119 stolen gun entries in the National Crime Information Center. This does not include the stolen guns that were unable to be entered into the system. In order for a stolen gun to be entered, the make, model, serial number, type, and caliber must be provided.

Please review, practice, and pass on the following ten tips.





Ten tips for gun security

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1. Use a gun safe, preferably one that is not easily picked up and carried out.
2. Photograph your guns to include the serial number and identifying marks/wood grain.
3. Record the make, model, serial number, and caliber of each of your guns.
4. Record any identifying marks on our gun in the event the number is filed away.
5. Don't leave guns in your vehicle unless it is secured in a vault.
6. Report any information you obtain about a stolen or possible stolen gun to your local police.
7. Don't store a gun in places a thief is likely to look, such as in a drawer, a desk, between the mattress, or under the bed.
8. Use a home security system, one that is monitored.
9. Don't display guns in the windows of your vehicles during hunting season.
10. Report any lost or stolen gun to the authorities immediately. Have documentation ready for the officer.

If we all work together, follow these tips, and pass them along, we start the wave of education. As stewards of the law we must strive to keep our country safe. We are the front line of defense and must stand tall, strong, and together. With your help we all can make a difference and "Keep 'em Safe."



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