This joint effort will prevent a tragedy somewhere in Cuyahoga County." On Friday, December 10, 2010, Aaron F. Starr shot his wife's mother in the leg and her father in the chest killing him. He then shot himself in the head and expired ten days later. These two incidents highlight the tragic consequences of gun violence in our community. The City of Cleveland and the Division of Police have employed a number of strategies to stem the tide of violence in our great city. One such strategy involves collecting weapons from those willing to surrender them voluntarily.

City of Cleveland has joined law enforcement partners from the cities of Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and Shaker Heights for the multi-community Greater Cleveland 2011 Gun Buy-Back program. We are joined by our event sponsors, the Cleveland Clinic; ArcelorMittal; the Cleveland Cavaliers; Burt Saltzman, owner of Dave's Supermarkets; Medical Mutual of Ohio; Sisters of Charity Health Systems; and the Cleveland Police Foundation, in this effort to make our communities safer. PM. In exchange for operable handguns and while supplies last, citizens will receive a $100 gas, food, or Target gift card, Cavs and Monsters tickets, and will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win up to $1,000. To participate, citizens are asked to bring an unloaded working handgun to one of the five participating locations (see attached). The gun must be in a clear plastic bag inside a second container. Citizens must transport the container in the trunk of their vehicle and pack ammunition separately. Incentives will be given for handguns only; however, shotguns and rifles may also be turned in.

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lessens the opportunity for a gun to be stolen and used in another crime," said Chief McGrath. "This event is yet another example of what can be accomplished when law enforcement works together with our community partners. This joint effort will prevent a tragedy somewhere in Cuyahoga County."