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Public Safety Director Anthony Ambrose Quotes on Essex County Prosecutor's Office Successful Gun Buy Back Event

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose took part in today's press conference, held by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, announcing that 332 guns were recovered during a March 30th gun buy back event.

"For us to get 332 guns off the street means we just avoided 332 tragedies," Director Ambrose said. "Every gun taken off the street is potentially one life saved."

The Essex County Bar Association, a private, non-profit organization, funded the program, paying out a total of \$41,000 to individuals who anonymously turned in weapons.

Members of the Newark Police Division and Essex County Sheriff's Office assisted in the collection, valuation and disposal of the weapons during the event, held at Bethany Baptist Church in Newark.

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