



OPERATION LOCK AND UNLOAD

Disposal Program

For

Unwanted Guns and Ammunition

In March 2013, the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department unveiled the attached public awareness campaign entitled, "Operation Lock and Unload." This campaign focuses on the safe storage of firearms, whether at home or some other location.

As part of this ongoing effort, the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department has taken the next step of providing a safe and easy way for people within the community to dispose of unwanted firearms and/or ammunition. Having such items lying around the house can pose a real safety concern, especially if there are young children or teens present. Many times the only reason people do not discard these unwanted items is because they are unsure how to properly dispose of them. The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department is now offering a no-hassle way to do just that by following the simple three step process outlined below.

1. Place a call to the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department.
Administrative Number – (952) 474-3261 Dispatch Number – (763) 525-6210
2. Specify that you would like a police officer to contact you about the disposal of an unwanted firearm and/or ammunition.
3. A police officer will call you back and make a determination on whether to have an officer pick up the unwanted firearm and/or ammunition or have you bring the item(s) to the police station.

The bottom line is if you have a gun or ammunition you don't want, get rid of it! Is it worth taking the risk when there is now a safe and easy way to dispose of them? Questions about this program being offered by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department should be directed to Chief Bryan Litsey at (952) 474-3261. We all need to do our part to make the community a safer place to live, work and have fun.