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## **“Operation Gun Crime Crackdown Extended”** *Gun Violence Remains Focus in Phoenix*

Three months after the launch of Operation Gun Crime Crackdown nearly 1200 guns associated with crime are off the streets of Phoenix.

The Phoenix Police Department, in conjunction with county and federal law enforcement agencies, started the program in early July 2022 to curb gun violence in Phoenix. The multi-agency, multi-faceted operation focused enforcement aimed at reducing the number of violent gun crimes which have been plaguing our city.

Since the implementation of the operation, the Phoenix Police Department has **seized 1,181 guns** citywide and **arrested 1,114** individuals. It's important to emphasize that the guns seized were directly related to a crime or taken from a prohibited possessor. This enforcement is not about taking guns away from legal, responsible gun owners.

The collaboration of Phoenix Police, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, has made it possible to focus on gun related crimes and allow for immediate follow-up with the goal of identifying and arresting suspects. For details on how the operation is set up please see [our original article](#).

“We've taken a lot of guns off the street, so, now is not the time to let up. In fact, it's time to double down and extend Operation Gun Crime Crackdown for at least another month,” said Interim Phoenix Police Chief Michael Sullivan.

“This result is a trend we must build upon,” said Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego. “This is a priority for me. I look forward to Chief Sullivan's plans to expand this program and address violent crime, including gun crime, in a comprehensive way that covers the entire city.”

The ATF and MCAO have pledged their support for extending the program which keeps ATF agents embedded with Phoenix Police. MCAO attorney's will also continue to focus on ensuring appropriate release conditions for those arrested.

“ATF is committed to combating gun violence in our communities,” said Brendan Iber, ATF Special Agent in Charge for the Phoenix Field Division. “We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to make our communities safer.”

We continue to ask community members to call or email with any information they may have on those who are illegally in possession of a firearm.

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