

I had an overwhelming response from agencies statewide, and all but one agency continues to not charge for taking ammunition and/or guns. The overriding philosophy is that it is better to get guns and ammo off the street and to absorb any associated costs rather than risk both getting into wrong hands or improperly disposed of for the sake of money. I also learned that there is relatively new legislation that is slowly changing the way agencies dispose of ammunition. It is no longer legal for bomb squads to simply blow up ammo due to environmental law to prevent chemical residue leaching. SWAT Teams and regular range firing is still legal and viable for disposal.

My department, as with most of the responding agencies, will continue to accept weapons and ammo for destruction at no cost to the public.

If you need any additional information from the responses I received, please contact me.

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