

City of Downey

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On Thursday, August 26, 2010, the Downey Police Department, in collaboration with California State Parole and other local law enforcement agencies, participated in "Operation Disarm" addressing the serious gun problem in Los Angeles County.

"Operation Disarm" targeted active parolees with prior or existing felony convictions for weapons possession at approximately 332 locations throughout Los Angeles County. Of the fourteen locations targeted in Downey, police arrested two individuals for non-weapon related violations.

In 2009, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) traced 32,964 guns recovered by Statewide California Law Enforcement agencies. Fifty percent of all the guns were found in Los Angeles County.

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