

July 20 was the 4th Oakland Guns to Gardens event. It was held at Mt. Zion Church in West Oakland. It resulted in getting 50 guns including 21 handguns, and an AK-47 style semi-automatic rifle off the streets! These are the guns in the OPD truck, and an officer inspecting a long gun:



MOBN! and several other organizations sponsor and staff these events. People turning in guns get gift cards and a tool which has been forged from guns previously turned in.



Of the people who filled out our survey, 14 were 55 and over and 5 were younger. A large majority of people said they had inherited the guns. Only 3 people said they bought the guns. People came from all over the Bay Area, having heard about Guns to Gardens mostly from social media & stories on TV.

We had over 20 volunteers, which was wonderful (some are in the picture on the left) and great support from OPD (as you can see in the picture on the right):



This makes a total of over 300 guns that have been gotten off the streets and forged into garden tools since we began this project. The media coverage has begun to increase: we had 6 people from different organizations doing interviews during or after the event, which we hope will lead to more guns being turned in at our next one, Probably June 2025. If you want to help with that (publicity, volunteer, donate) just let us know.