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Columbus Police Partners with Be SMART/NOBLE to hand out Gun Locks to Residents

The Columbus Division of Police is excited to announce its partnership with Be SMART/ NOBLE (The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives) to hand out gun locks to residents at all Rise Up CBUS events during the summer.

The Columbus Division of Police will hold a press conference to announce this partnership with several organizations from across the city.

When: Thursday, June 8, 2023

Where: First Grace of God
3480 Refugee Rd, Columbus, OH 43232

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Speakers: Mayor Andrew Ginther
Columbus Division of Police - DC Tim Myers
Columbus Public Health – Marian Stuckey
Be SMART/ NOBLE – Deborah Grayson
Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children – Melissa Thomas St. Clair
Debera Diggs, a Linden Community resident
First Community Church – Tim Vansant

The Be SMART campaign was launched to raise awareness that secure gun storage – storing guns locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition – can save children’s lives. Be SMART emphasizes that it’s an adult responsibility to keep kids from accessing guns, and that every adult can play a role in keeping kids and communities safer.

The Rise UP CBUS event will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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