



# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **MICHIGAN STATE POLICE**

### **State Police Issuing Vouchers for Pistol Safes**

*Paw Paw Post promoting safe gun storage through three option initiative*

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**PAW PAW, MICH.** This week the Michigan State Police (MSP) Paw Paw Post is launching an initiative to improve efforts for residents to safely store their firearms. Through a partnership with Bronson Prevention Services, several hundred pistol safes have been procured for this initiative. To ensure safes are easily obtained by residents, three options have been put in place by the Paw Paw Post.

First, the Paw Paw Post supplied safes to Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certified CPL instructors in Van Buren and Kalamazoo Counties to hand out during their CPL Civilian Pistol Training course.

Secondly, the post supplied vouchers to gun retail stores located in Van Buren and Kalamazoo County. With the purchase of a new pistol at these locations, a voucher for a free safe comes with it.

Finally, residents of Van Buren and Kalamazoo County who own a pistol are eligible for a voucher for a free safe while supplies last. To obtain your voucher just stop by the Paw Paw Post located at 43255 60<sup>th</sup> Ave in Paw Paw Twp between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. during the weekday. Only one safe per household is permitted. Additionally, the post has a limited supply of free gun locks for all rifles available to the public.

The goal is help make homes safer by promoting proper gun storage methods through education of the new safe storage laws and by making gun locks and safes more accessible by eliminating some of the financial burden.

“Safely storing your firearms is one of the most important things you can do as a responsible gun owner,” said F/Lt. Scott Ernstes, commander of the Paw Paw Post. “Securing your firearms is critical in reducing the risk of gun-related injuries and deaths. This is a reminder to take the necessary steps to keep your loved ones and your household safe.”

For additional please information contact the Paw Paw Post at 269-657-5551.

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