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Operation Safe Summer III Yields Largest Illegal Gun Confiscations to Date.

August 7, 2024 (Minneapolis): Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara announced today that Operation Safe Summer III was more successful in terms of illegal gun seizures than the previous two years.

O’Hara said law enforcement confiscated 45 firearms and made 98 arrests during the weeklong operation that occurred from July 29th - August 3rd. O’Hara also said over 2,300 grams (5 lbs.) of narcotics, 1,200 fentanyl pills, and \$10,000 were seized during the operation.

Operation Safe Summer consists of focused enforcement details within the city of Minneapolis involving multiple law enforcement and prosecution partners. The operation continues to be effective at targeting violent individuals who negatively and disproportionately affect Minneapolis neighborhoods, said O’Hara.

“The proliferation of illegal guns and narcotics have been an ongoing issue for the city of Minneapolis. I am incredibly proud of the work of our officers and all of our partner agencies to make a lasting impact on gun violence and narcotics activity in the city. Thank you to all our partners, and all members of the MPD who participated in the operation for your continued work to ensure the safety of Minneapolis.” – Chief Brian O’Hara.

During Operation Safe Summer in 2023, 38 firearms were recovered, and 100 arrests were made. In the 2022 operation, 38 firearms were recovered, and 97 arrests were made.

O’Hara said the success of the operation each of the past three summers would not have been possible without our law enforcement and prosecution partners including the ATF, FBI, HSI, US Attorney’s Office, BCA, MN State Patrol, Metro Transit PD, Hennepin County Probation, Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, and the Minneapolis Park PD.

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