
From: SAPOL:Firearms Branch
Subject: Operation Unification

**South Australia Police and Crime Stoppers
launch
Operation Unification - Illegal Guns Off Our Streets**

Information for Firearm Associations & Dealers

From Monday 16 June South Australia Police, in association with Crime Stoppers Australia, will participate in the national policing operation named "Unification".

As you and your members are aware some stolen firearms go on to be used in criminal activity. Therefore, the theme for Unification is 'Getting illicit firearms out of the hands of criminals.'

The objectives of the Operation are to:

- Ensure that the community understands that illicit use, possession, manufacture and importation of firearms are a significant element of criminal activity.
- Increase community awareness that the use of illicit firearms is not confined to just organised crime groups.
- Encourage those in the community who have information about illicit firearms to contact the Crime Stoppers hotline on 1800 333 000.
- Increase intelligence and information sharing across policing jurisdictions about firearms and associated organised crime groups.

In this context, illicit firearms are weapons illegally imported or manufactured in Australia, stolen from registered owners and/or used in criminal activities. Information from the community is vital in tracking down these firearms and taking them off those who should not be in possession of guns. The public can call anonymously through Crime Stoppers and help to get illicit firearms off South Australia's streets.

Now is the time for lawful gun owners to take stock of their storage facilities, to ensure they are as safe and comply with the Firearms Act and Regulations. Over the next two weeks police will conduct security compliance checks throughout the State. Firearms that are not safely stored are at risk of being stolen and falling into the hands of criminals.

I urge you to pass this information on to your members. Please direct any enquiries concerning this email to Firearms Branch on telephone 08 7322 3346 or to email sapol.firearmsbranch@police.sa.gov.au

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