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Edmonds PD Follow-up with Firearm Safety Tips for Neighborhood Children and Parents

On January 29th, 2011 an Edmonds resident brought a found gun into the Edmonds Police Department and reported that his six year old son had found the pistol in the dirt and bushes while playing in their cul-de-sac. The pistol was a small .22 caliber “derringer” type of handgun that was so small that the neighborhood children thought it was a toy and played with it before bringing it home to show their parents. As it turns out the pistol was not a toy and was loaded with four live .22 caliber bullets. Fortunately the pistol was so badly corroded that it was not operational and no one was hurt. (This story was covered by KOMO TV News)

In follow-up to this incident, and in coordination with the parents of the children in this neighborhood, Edmonds PD Sergeant Ken Ploeger hosted an informal firearms safety presentation for several children and their parents on Wednesday, February 9th, 2011. This presentation, which was originally intended for “a few” of the children in the neighborhood where this pistol was found, grew into a very productive session in which we hosted 30 children and their parents. Feedback from the parents was very positive and it opened up avenues of conversation enabling the parents to speak specifically and openly with their children about the actions they should take when they find a firearm or when someone shows them a firearm.

I have attached a digital photo to this Email of Sgt. Ploeger during this presentation. This information is being sent out to local print and on-line media only as a community information piece.

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