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SOUTH HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced he will join Reno County law enforcement officials in an event in South Hutchinson next week to advocate the use of gun locks and to promote gun safety. Free gun locks will be available to gun owners at the event.

"As fall hunting season approaches, it is an important reminder to gun owners to have guns safely secured to prevent tragic deaths," Moran said. "We have a responsibility as gun owners to secure our firearms and prevent accidents in our homes. Gun locks are a common-sense and simple way to keep children safe."

Project ChildSafe, an expansion of the Project HomeSafe program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), promotes safe firearms handling and storage practices among all gun owners. The nationwide project is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice grant and is a component of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime. Safety kits, which include a free gun lock and safety education materials, will be distributed at the event in a joint effort between the NSSF and local law enforcement agencies.

"One of the greatest tragedies is when a child is injured or killed in a senseless firearms accident," Reno County Sheriff Randy Henderson said. "We look forward to highlighting this year's gun lock giveaway at this event in order to help citizens prevent such tragedies."

The event will be Tuesday, August 30, at 11:30 a.m. at Heartland Outdoor, 1 Heartland Drive, in South Hutchinson.

Through Project ChildSafe, Kansas was provided with 155,000 locks. Locks are available at local law enforcement agencies in all 105 Kansas counties.

In Congress, Moran is a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

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