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DODGE CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced he will join Ford County law enforcement officials in an event in Dodge City Monday 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 gets under way, 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.

The event will be Monday, October 10, at 9:45 a.m. at the Ford County Courthouse, 100 Gunsmoke, in Dodge City. Through Project ChildSafe, Kansas was provided with 155,000 locks. Locks are available at local law enforcement agencies in all 105 Kansas counties.

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