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Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Order – Firearms Retrieval

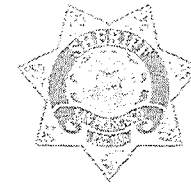


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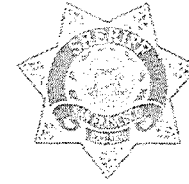


Guns & Domestic Violence

- In San Francisco, the recent Family Violence Council report showed a 53% increase in 911 DV calls involving an assailant with a gun.
- Domestic violence incidents involving firearms are twelve times more likely to result in death than incidents involving other weapons or bodily force.
- Approximately 4.5 million American women alive today have been threatened by intimate partners with firearms; 1 million have been shot or shot at by their abusers.
- 44% of mass shootings between 2008 and 2013 involved intimate partners.
- California domestic violence restraining orders require restrained party to surrender firearms
- Firearms surrender process is generally voluntary; methods of enforcement vary across California



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Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Order Process

- Based on a collaborative partnership with the Department on the Status of Women and the Family Violence Council, San Francisco Sheriff's Department proposes to implement an expanded effort based on a successful approach in San Mateo County.
- San Mateo County has an established program to check TRO subjects for evidence of firearms; where checks are positive (18% in 2017), deputies retrieve firearms.
- To improve public safety, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department is working other City Departments including the Commission on the Status of Women and the Mayor's Office to expand our ability to serve TROs, to check for evidence of firearms and, where checks are positive, to retrieve firearms.



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Domestic Violence TRO Process – Service Enhancements

- Enhancements to the current domestic violence TRO process will require resources not currently allocated to this process
- San Francisco Sheriff's Department is working with the Mayor's Budget Office to implement TRO process enhancements through the FY2018-19 budget