

**Department:** Sheriff **Program Contact:** James Eriksen  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

This program has provide for the Countywide Investigation of violation of restraining orders, specifically when respondents do not comply by dispossessing themselves of their firearms. Since around 2015, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has collaborated with the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the Multnomah County Circuit Court in enforcing the gun dispossession clause of restraining orders by working with petitioners and respondents to gain compliance to court orders. This position was reduced in FY 2020, but funds were awarded to maintain this FTE until January 2020.

**Program Summary**

In 2011, a model surrender protocol was developed in a statewide Domestic violence firearms task force; this process is currently being utilized in Multnomah County. In January 2020, this protocol was extended to the other protection orders through an Oregon House of Representative bill, which include Stalking Orders, Sex Abuse Protection Orders, Disabled and Elder Abuse Protection Orders and Family Abuse Protection Orders.

The purpose of this program is to provide 1.00 FTE to partner with the Portland Police Bureau's Family Services Division for education and enforcement actions against respondents who do not comply with the firearms prohibition on their restraining order and to conduct follow up investigations on restraining order violations. The officers will also investigate general restraining order violations and present cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

The funding for this position will help educate and or force respondents to comply with the courts order to surrender their firearms. It will provide the necessary FTE to help conduct investigations to locate the respondents and their firearms. This will reduce the number of illicit firearms in the community and this action will also help to reduce domestic violence lethality by removing firearms from the respondent's possession. Data presented to LPSCC shows access to firearms can increase the risk of death to the petitioner by five times and up to twenty times if the respondent had made prior threats or assaults with firearms.

Statistics demonstrate that an abuser's access to firearms increases the risk of homicide of a female partner by 400% and the mere presence of a gun increases fivefold the chance that domestic violence results in homicide.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of dispossessed firearm cases investigated	N/A	N/A	N/A	150
Outcome	Number of firearms seized	N/A	N/A	N/A	40
Output	Number of restraining order violations investigated	N/A	N/A	N/A	140
Outcome	Number of cases presented to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution	N/A	N/A	N/A	75

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$156,760	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$196,760</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$196,760</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program is being funded by eliminating a 1.00 FTE Lieutenant in the MCDC Core Jail & 4th Floor (60310A) and reallocating the funds.