

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

NOTICE

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January 24, 2020

TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: FIREARMS EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TEMPORARY
FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER – UPDATE

To comply with several new laws that came into effect in 2020, the Department is updating procedures for Firearms Emergency Protective Orders (Firearms EPO) and Temporary Firearms Restraining Orders. An all-encompassing Special Order is being drafted but in the interim, Department personnel shall continue to be guided by the Chief of Detectives Notice, dated November 2016, *Firearms Emergency Protective Order and Temporary Restraining Order – Established*, while utilizing this notice as a supplement.

Effective immediately, officers **shall** attempt to obtain a Firearms EPO when they have reasonable cause to believe a person poses an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury to self or others by having access to firearms.

When the court grants a Firearms EPO, a hearing date should be set within 21 calendar days. To facilitate this court hearing handled by the City Attorney's Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) Program Coordinator, the below listed procedures shall be followed:

OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Upon obtaining a Firearms EPO, email a copy of the EPO and any/all connected reports to gvro@lapd.online and att.gvro@lacity.org prior to submitting the Firearms EPO to Area Records for processing.

AREA/DIVISION GUN COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES. When the original Firearms EPO is received by the Area/Division Gun Coordinator or designee, they shall:

- As soon as possible, file the Firearms EPO at the appropriate Family Law Court, listed below for reference, and receive the Notice of Court Hearing, Form GV-009:
 - Stanley Mosk Courthouse for Central and West Bureau geographic Areas, as well as Southwest and 77th Areas;
 - Van Nuys Courthouse East for Van Nuys, West Valley and North Hollywood Areas;
 - Chatsworth Courthouse for Foothill, Devonshire, Mission and Topanga Areas;
 - Compton Courthouse for Southeast Area;
 - Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse for Harbor Area.
- Email a copy of the Notice of Court Hearing to att.gvro@lacity.org;
- Coordinate with the City Attorney's GVRO Program Coordinator for all court appearances.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Department Gun Violence Restraining Order Coordinator, Detective Services Group, at (213) 486-7000.

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