

# Gun Violence Prevention Program

Presentation to the Board of Supervisors, December 3, 2024

**San Mateo Superior Court**

**San Mateo District Attorney's Office**

# Goals

1. Increase voluntary compliance of firearm relinquishment.
2. Reduce time from firearm prohibition to relinquishment
3. Increase communication between the Court and Law Enforcement.

# Changes to Civil Restraining Orders Process, *effective Oct. 2022*

## 1. **PRE-HEARING**

- Outreach: Respondent receives county-specific relinquishment instructions. (FC 6304, 6389)
- Clinics: Court FLF staff help parties prepare RO forms and provides FR form assistance.
- New Daily Report: Automated report is provided to the Gun Violence Prevention Program (GVPP) team so that the detectives are notified of restraining order filings

## 2. **RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING**

- “Firearms Finding”: Judicial Officer uses new statewide forms for Restraining Orders after Hearing which includes a detailed 2-page section to inquire about firearms and ammunition. (FC 6322.5)
- GVPP detectives: Follow-up and investigate all civil RO cases with firearms allegations.
- Increased court-assistance: FLF present in court to answer questions and assist with compliance.

## 3. **POST-RESTRAINING ORDER HEARING**

- New Compliance Review: Family Commissioner holds a compliance hearing 10-days after hearing on all civil restraining orders with firearms findings. (FC 6322.5)

# Firearm Relinquishment Form (FL-19)



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## HOW TO TURN-IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

You must relinquish (turn-in or sell) firearms and ammunition **within 24 hours** from the hearing date – please read the following information carefully. If you choose to sell your firearm(s) and ammunition, the buyer must be a federally licensed gun dealer.

If you choose to turn in your firearm(s) and ammunition, follow the instructions below:

1. If possible, call your local police department before going to their physical location. Tell them you have a restraining order and need to turn in firearm(s) and/or ammunition. A list of phone numbers and addresses for each city is on the back of this page.
2. Follow any instructions provided by the agency regarding location and timing. Do not bring any weapons into the police department - allow an officer to come out to your vehicle after you notify them why you are there.
3. The agency will probably need a description of you and your car, your ID, and your court order.

**\*\* You must also file proof of compliance with the Court within 48 hours.** You may use form GV-800, SV-800, or WV-800 for this purpose or the documents provided by the law enforcement agency.

### How to File Proof of Relinquishment

You can file electronically (instructions available at [www.sanmateocourt.org](http://www.sanmateocourt.org)) or in-person by submitting a hard copy to the San Mateo County Superior Court clerk's office.

#### To file using the drop box:

1. Make two copies of the completed form.
2. Retain one of the copies for your records.
3. Place the original, one copy, and a self-addressed stamped envelope in a larger envelop or large clip.
4. Place the items in the drop-box outside the clerk's office on the first floor at: 400 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063
5. The clerk will mail you a file stamped copy of your document.
6. You must retain your unstamped copy until you receive the stamped copy.
7. You must then keep the stamped copy as your proof of relinquishment.

#### To file with a clerk:

1. Make a copy of the completed form.
2. Bring the original and the copy to the Clerk's office on the first floor at: 400 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063.
3. For Gun Violence, School Violence, or Workplace Violence go to the Civil counter.
4. Advise the clerk that you would like to file a form in a Restraining Order.
5. The clerk will return a file stamped copy to you.
6. You must keep the stamped copy as your proof of relinquishment.

Do not call 911. Use the non-emergency numbers below.

San Mateo Sheriff's Office (650) 363-4911  
537 Kelly Ave, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019  
581 Magnolia Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030  
Atherton Police Department (650) 688-6500  
80 Fair Oaks Ln, Atherton, CA 94027  
Belmont Police Department (650) 595-7400  
1 Twin Pines Ln #160, Belmont, CA 94002  
Brisbane Police Department (415) 467-1212  
50 Park Place Brisbane, CA 94005  
Broadmoor Police Department (650) 755-3840  
388 88<sup>th</sup> St, Daly City, CA 94015  
Burlingame Police Department (650) 777-4100  
1111 Trousdale Dr, Burlingame, CA 94010  
Colma Police Department (650) 997-8321  
1199 El Camino Real, Colma, CA 94014  
Daly City Police Department (650) 991-8119  
333 90<sup>th</sup> St, Daly City, CA 94015  
East Palo Alto Police Department (650) 853-3160  
141 Demeter St, East Palo Alto, CA 94303  
Foster City Police Department (650) 286-3300  
1030 East Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404  
Hillsborough Police Department (650) 375-7470  
1600 Floribunda Ave, Hillsborough, CA 94010  
Menlo Park Police Department (650) 330-6300  
701 Laurel St, Menlo Park, 94025  
Pacifica Police Department (650) 738-7314  
2075 Coast Hwy, Pacifica, CA 94044  
Redwood City Police Department (650) 780-7118  
1301 Maple St, Redwood City, CA 94063  
San Bruno Police Department (650) 616-7100  
1177 Huntington Ave, San Bruno, CA 94066  
San Mateo Police Department (650) 522-7700  
200 Franklin Pkwy, San Mateo, CA 94403  
S. San Francisco Police Department (650) 877-8900  
1 Chestnut Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Follow these safety instructions as well as any additional instructions from the agency.

- Your firearm(s) must be **unloaded**.
- Place your firearm(s) in your **locked trunk**. If you do not have a trunk, lock your firearm in a container and place it in the back of your vehicle, out of reach.
- Do not put the gun in your glove compartment. (CA Penal Code 12023.1(a))
- Drive directly to the agency, do not drive to other locations.
- Park as instructed.
- Notify the agency upon arrival. Firearm(s) must remain **locked and secured** as previously mentioned until relinquished to law enforcement.

#### Firearms include:

- Handguns and pistols
- Rifles and shotguns
- Black powder firearms and muzzle-loading firearms
- Assault weapons
- Any weapon that sends a projectile through a barrel and the weapon's frame or receiver

**\*\*You need to act promptly – you have 24 hours to relinquish your firearms, and 48 hours file proof of compliance with the Court.** This deadline applies during weekends and holidays. Law enforcement agencies are available at all times.

# Firearm Relinquishment Process

Respondent has 24 hours to surrender F/A, 48 hours to file Proof of Compliance (FC 6389).

If RP files DV-800, then the filing triggers a notification report to FL Commissioner. The Commissioner will review that filing and take the case off the compliance hearing calendar as appropriate.

**NEW**

GVPP receives a daily automated report pursuant to the statutory requirement that mandate courts to immediately notify a law enforcement agency of non-compliance and to notify the DA's office within 2 days. (FC 6389)

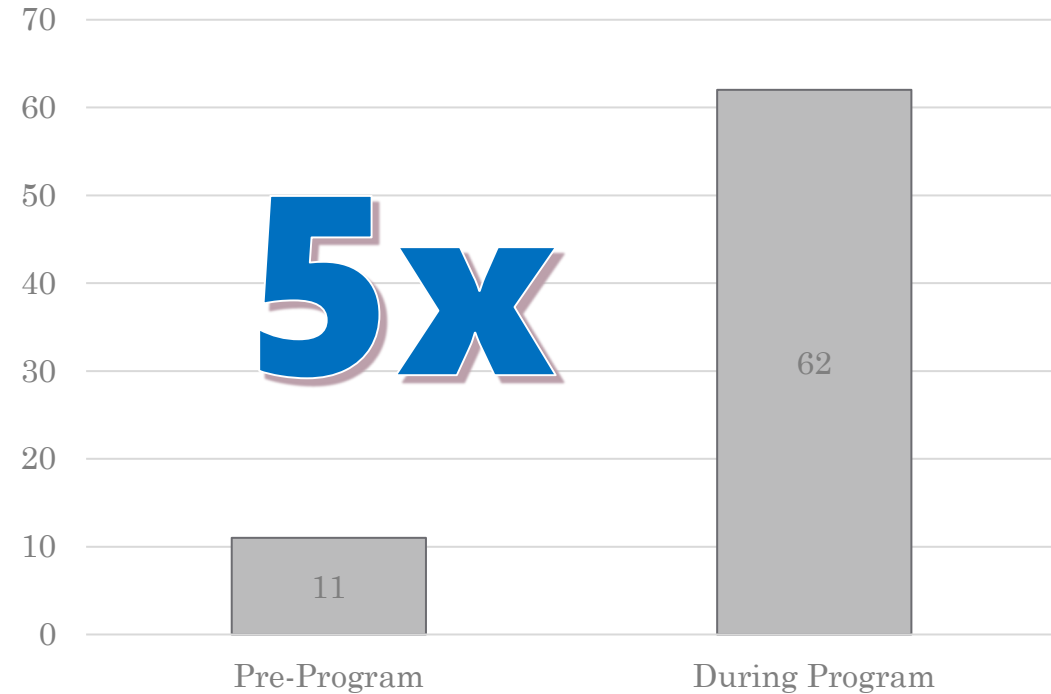
**NEW**

GVPP detectives will investigate, coordinate with local police departments and task force teams, and obtain search warrants if necessary.

**NEW**

# Outreach & Assistance Increases Firearm Compliance Filings

- The Court processed an average of 11 filings per year between January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2021.
- The Court processed 129 Proof of Firearm Compliance forms between October 1, 2022 - October 30, 2024.



# 461 Firearms Recovered

Between October 1, 2022 and October 31, 2024, 461 firearms and ammunition were relinquished and/or seized through the program.

Includes:

- 260 pistols
- 139 rifles
- 62 shotguns

