

Domestic Violence & Firearms

Name: _____

State: _____

Please answer as completely as possible

1) How do your state laws address the possession of firearms by individuals subject to DV-related orders of protection?

2) Do your state laws prohibit firearm possession by people convicted of misdemeanor crimes of DV? Yes / No

3) Are your courts ordering surrender of firearms when protection orders are issued? Yes / No / Unknown

4) What directions are given to protection order respondents regarding firearm surrender procedures?

o Which agency is responsible for providing these directions?

5) How is your agency made aware of individuals who have been ordered to surrender firearms and the timeframe specified for them to do so?

6) Does your agency seize firearms from prohibited persons? Yes / No

o Under what circumstances?

7) While on the scene, do your officers routinely inquire about surrender of firearms? (for safekeeping, victim safety)

8) Are your officers restricted from facilitating third party transfers of firearms on site? Yes / No

o What procedures does your agency follow to manage third-party transfer of seized/forfeited/surrendered firearms?

9) What procedures does your agency follow for returning firearms when a protection order expires or a conviction is expunged?

o Are victims notified of the return of firearms? Yes / No

10) Does your department policy restrict officers under an order of protection from possessing their duty weapon?

Yes / No

o If no, are they allowed access to all weapons with which they qualify? Yes / No

o Are they allowed to take their firearms with them when they go off duty? Yes / No

11) Describe the procedures your agency follows for an officer under a protection order to surrender their personal (non-exempt) firearms.