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### **Domestic Violence and Firearms: By the Numbers**

- The City Attorney's Office has intervened with a GVRO in more than 700 dangerous situations since 2017, and more than 1/3 of these interventions pertain to domestic violence and family violence.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.
- In San Diego County, 13 people were killed as a result of domestic violence in 2019, and 14 were killed in 2020.
- Firearms are the most frequent method of domestic violence homicide, accounting for 45% of domestic violence homicides.
- In the United States, 60% of mass shootings are either domestic violence attacks or are committed by men with histories of domestic violence.
- 35% of all women killed by men in the U.S. are killed by intimate partners with guns.
- A woman's risk of homicide is highest when she is trying to end the relationship. 45% of domestic violence homicides occur within 90 days of separation, most often within the first few days.
- In the United States, more than 12 million people each year – an average of 24 every minute – are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner.
- Roughly 1 in 5 homicide victims in the U.S. die at the hands of an intimate partner.