

Maryland DV Protective Order & Firearm Surrender Needs Assessment Survey Design Instrument

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SECTION 1 – SCREENING	GLOBAL_INTRO	GLOBAL_INTRO	<i>See IRB Submission-Part 2: Consent Language</i>		Displayed first
SECTION 1 – SCREENING	1	CONSENT	<i>See IRB Submission-Part 2: Consent Language</i>	I agree to participate; I do not agree (survey ends)	Force Response ON; If do not agree → End Survey
SECTION 1 – SCREENING	2	Experience	Do you have experience with the domestic violence protective order process in Maryland?	Yes No	If No- End Survey
SECTION 1 – SCREENING	3	Location	What county or City is primarily associated with your protective order experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allegany County ○ Anne Arundel County ○ Baltimore County ○ Calvert County ○ Caroline County ○ Carroll County ○ Cecil County ○ Charles County ○ Dorchester County ○ Frederick County ○ Garrett County ○ Harford County ○ Howard County ○ Kent County ○ Montgomery County ○ Prince George’s County ○ Queen Anne’s County 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Somerset County ○ St. Mary's County ○ Talbot County ○ Washington County ○ Wicomico County ○ Worcester County ○ Baltimore City ○ Statewide / Multiple jurisdictions 	
SECTION 1 – SCREENING	4	Year	What is the most recent year of your experience with the domestic violence protective order process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2026 ○ 2025 ○ 2024 ○ 2023 ○ 2022 ○ Other specify 	
SECTION 1 – SCREENING	5	ROLE	Which role best describes your experience with Maryland protective orders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Petitioner; ○ Respondent; ○ Advocate/ Community Provider; ○ Law Enforcement; ○ Court / Legal System Actor 	Set Embedded Data: ROLE ROLE_CODE == "P" ROLE_CODE == "R" ROLE_CODE == "A" ROLE_CODE == "L" ROLE_CODE == "C"
SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	P_INTRO	P_INTRO	<i>See IRB Submission-Part 4. Role-Specific Introductions</i>		Display if ROLE=Petitioner
SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	P_Q01	P_Q01	SECTION 2 — PETITIONER SURVEY	Per Instrument (includes Not sure / Prefer not to answer where applicable)	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	P_Q02	P_Q02	Estimated completion time: 20–25 minutes		Force Response ON

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SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	6	P_Q03	Do you feel safe today from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes, completely <input type="radio"/> Yes, somewhat <input type="radio"/> No, not really <input type="radio"/> No, not at all <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	7	P_Q04	Compared to before the protective order, do you feel safer now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Much safer <input type="radio"/> Somewhat safer <input type="radio"/> No change <input type="radio"/> Somewhat less safe <input type="radio"/> Much less safe <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	8	P_Q05	Overall, how fairly and respectfully were you treated during the protective order process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not at all <input type="radio"/> Slightly <input type="radio"/> Moderately <input type="radio"/> Very <input type="radio"/> Completely <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	9	P_Q06	How clear were the explanations you received about the protective order process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not at all clear <input type="radio"/> Slightly clear <input type="radio"/> Moderately clear <input type="radio"/> Very clear <input type="radio"/> Extremely clear <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	10	P_Q07	To your knowledge, did the respondent have access to firearms when you filed for a protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	11	P_Q08	Where did you file for your	Multiple choice with comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Online 	Force Response ON

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			temporary protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the courthouse (in person) ○ With a District Court Commissioner ○ At a Family Justice Center ○ Other specify ○ Not sure 	
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	12	P_Q09	Approximately how long did it take you to complete the protective order forms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Less than 15 minutes ○ 15-30 minutes ○ 31-60 minutes ○ 1-2 hours ○ More than 2 hours ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	13	P_Q10	Did you need help filling out the protective order forms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No 	Force Response ON Branching: If YES, Go to P_Q11, if NO got o P_Q12.
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	14	P_Q11	What type of help did you need?	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Language translation or interpretation ○ Help reading the form ○ Help understanding the questions ○ Help writing answers on the form ○ Other specify 	Force Response OFF
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	15	P_Q12	How would you describe your understanding of the temporary protective order hearing process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I did not understand it at all ○ I understood a little ○ I understood some parts, but not all ○ I mostly understood it ○ I completely understood it ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	16	P_Q13	At the temporary protective order hearing, did the judge ask you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure ○ Not applicable 	Force Response ON

Commented [GU1]: GLITCH(?): This shows as question 14 as petitioner but also shows on the next page as question 6

Commented [GU2]: this is showing as question 7 for me due to glitch above

Commented [GU3]: showing as 8

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			questions about firearms?		
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	17	P_Q14	Did you raise any concerns about firearms in your application or during the temporary protective order hearing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON Commented [GU4]: showing as 9
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	18	P_Q15	If no, why did you not raise concerns?	Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> I was concerned about retaliation from the respondent <input type="radio"/> I forgot <input type="radio"/> I did not know I could raise concerns <input type="radio"/> I did not have concerns about firearms <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) _____ <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON P_Q15 ref P_Q14 == Commented [GU5]: showing as 10 Commented [GU5R2]: also shows on next page as question 7
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	19	P_Q16	Were you notified when the respondent was served with the temporary protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Res Commented [GU6]: shows as question 8
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	20	P_Q17	About how long did it take for the respondent to be served?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Same day <input type="radio"/> 1-2 days <input type="radio"/> 3-7 days <input type="radio"/> More than 7 days <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON Commented [GU7]: shows as question 9

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SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	21	P_Q18	For the final protective order hearing, which best describes your situation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I paid for an attorney ○ I tried to hire a private attorney, but could not get one ○ I had a legal aid or free/low-cost attorney ○ I tried to get legal aid or free/low-cost representation, but could not get one ○ I did not try to get a lawyer 	Force Response ON Commented [GU8]: shows as question 10
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	22	P_Q19	How would you describe your understanding of the final protective order hearing process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I did not understand it at all ○ I understood a little ○ I understood some parts, but not all ○ I mostly understood it ○ I completely understood it ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON Commented [GU9]: shows as question 11
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	23	P_Q20	At the final protective order hearing, did the judge ask you questions about firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure ○ Not applicable 	Force Response ON Commented [GU10]: shows as question 12
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	24	P_Q21	Did you bring up any concern around firearms during the final protective order hearing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON Commented [GU11]: shows as question 13
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	25	P_Q22	Please state reason if no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open text 	Force Res Commented [GU12]: shows as question 14 Display only if P_Q21 = No
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	26	P_Q23	Were you informed whether	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No 	Force Res Commented [GU13]: question 15

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			the respondent surrendered firearms or filed a statement that they did not possess firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure ○ Prefer not to answer 	
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	27	P_Q24	In your opinion, how soon should respondents be required to surrender firearms after the protective order is issued?	Multiple choice with comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Same day ○ Within 24 hours ○ Within 48 hours ○ Within 72 hours ○ Within 7 days ○ Other specify ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON Commented [GU14]: question 16
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	28	P_Q25	After the final protective order was issued, did the respondent violate it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure ○ Prefer not to answer 	Force Res Commented [GU15]: question 17 If Yes → show P_Q26 (violation type) → If violation includes firearm → show P_Q27 (reporting) → Else skip to P_Q28
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	29	P_Q26	How was the order violated?	Select all that apply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contacted me ○ Came near me or a prohibited location ○ Threatened, harassed, or intimidated me ○ Physically harmed or attempted to harm me ○ Possessed or used a firearm ○ Violated custody or visitation terms 	Force Response ON If "Posses Commented [GU16]: question 18 used a firearm" go to next question, otherwise skip to P_Q28 P_Q25 == "Yes"

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SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	30	P_Q27	Did you report any firearm-related violations to the police or the court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes, to the police <input type="radio"/> Yes, to the court <input type="radio"/> Yes, to both <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not applicable <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON P_Q27 relevance = P_Q26 includes firearm option Commented [GU17]: question 19
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	31	P_Q28	Before today, were you aware of Maryland's Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Res Commented [GU18]: question 20
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	32	P_Q29	Did you seek an Extreme Risk Protective Order to remove firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON Commented [GU19]: question 21
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	33	P_Q30	How confident are you that firearm surrender requirements are consistently enforced across Maryland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very confident <input type="radio"/> Somewhat confident <input type="radio"/> Not very confident <input type="radio"/> Not confident at all <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON Commented [GU20]: question 22
SECTION 2 - PETITIONER	34	P_Q31	Overall, how effective is Maryland's current process for enforcing firearm surrender in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very effective <input type="radio"/> Somewhat effective <input type="radio"/> Not very effective <input type="radio"/> Not effective at all <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Res Commented [GU21]: question 23

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SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	35	P_Q32	What is the single most important change Maryland should make to improve firearm surrender and safety in protective order cases?	○ Open text response	optional Commented [GU22]: question 24
SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	36	P_Q33	Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience?	○ Open text response	optional Commented [GU23]: question 25
SECTION 2 – PETITIONER	37	P_END_HOTLINE	If you need assistance or support related to domestic violence, you can contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).	END SURVEY	Display a Commented [GU24]: question 26 Petitioner section only. ROLE_CODE == "P"
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT	R_INTRO	R_INTRO	<i>See IRB Submission-Part 4. Role-Specific Introductions</i>		Display if ROLE=Respondent
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT		R_Q01	SECTION 3 — RESPONDENT SURVEY		Force Response ON
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT		R_Q02	Estimated completion time: 10–15 minutes	Per Instrument (includes Prefer not to answer where applicable)	Force Response ON

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SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	38	R_Q03	How were you first informed that a temporary protective order (TPO) was issued against you?	Multiple choice with comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Served by law enforcement <input type="radio"/> Served by another authorized person <input type="radio"/> Told by the petitioner <input type="radio"/> Told by a family member or friend <input type="radio"/> Phone call <input type="radio"/> Text or email <input type="radio"/> Mail <input type="radio"/> Other specify <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	39	R_Q4	When you first received or learned about the temporary protective order, how well did you understand what it required you to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> I did not understand it at all <input type="radio"/> I understood a little <input type="radio"/> I understood some parts, but not all <input type="radio"/> I mostly understood it <input type="radio"/> I completely understood it <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	40	R_Q5	At the time the temporary protective order was issued, did you own or have access to any firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	41	R_Q6	Were you informed that firearms may be prohibited after a final protective order is issued?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	42	R_Q7	At the final protective order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No 	Force Response ON

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			court hearing, did the judge ask you about firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Not applicable (I did not appear at the hearing) <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	43	R_Q8	At the final protective order hearing, did the judge explain what you were required to do to surrender firearms, if applicable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Not applicable <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	44	R_Q9	After the final protective order was issued, did you receive written instructions explaining how to surrender firearms, if applicable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Not applicable 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	45	R_Q10	After the final protective order was issued, were you given a clear deadline for when firearms had to be surrendered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Not applicable 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	46	R_Q11	If you had access to firearms after issuance of the final protective order, how long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Same day <input type="radio"/> Within 24 hours <input type="radio"/> Within 48 hours <input type="radio"/> Within 72 hours <input type="radio"/> Within 7 days 	Force Response ON Display only if R_Q5 = Yes.

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			did it take you to surrender them after the order required it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> More than 7 days <input type="radio"/> Not applicable <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	47	R_Q12	Did you understand what might happen if you did not surrender firearms, if required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure <input type="radio"/> Not applicable <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	48	R_Q13	Overall, how clear was the firearm surrender process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very clear <input type="radio"/> Somewhat clear <input type="radio"/> Not very clear <input type="radio"/> Not at all clear <input type="radio"/> Not applicable <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	49	R_Q14	If you interacted with law enforcement about your protective order, how respectfully were you treated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not at all respectfully <input type="radio"/> Slightly respectfully <input type="radio"/> Moderately respectfully <input type="radio"/> Very respectfully <input type="radio"/> Extremely respectfully <input type="radio"/> Not applicable 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	50	R_Q15	How well did you understand the final protective order hearing process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> I did not understand it at all <input type="radio"/> I understood a little <input type="radio"/> I understood some parts, but not all <input type="radio"/> I mostly understood it <input type="radio"/> I completely understood it <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	51	R_Q16	Have you ever been arrested or held in contempt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON

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			for violating a final protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prefer not to answer 	If no, not sure or prefer not to answer skip to R_Q18
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT	52	R_Q17	What type of violation was it?	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact violation ○ Location or stay-away violation ○ Threats or harassment ○ Physical harm or attempted harm ○ Firearm-related violation ○ Custody or visitation violation ○ Other specify ○ Prefer not to answer 	Force Response ON Display only if R_Q16 = Yes.
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT	53	R_Q18	How confident are you that firearm surrender requirements are consistently enforced across Maryland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very confident ○ Somewhat confident ○ Not very confident ○ Not confident at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT	54	R_Q19	Overall, how effective is Maryland's current process for enforcing firearm surrender in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very effective ○ Somewhat effective ○ Not very effective ○ Not effective at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 3 – RESPONDENT	R_Q20	R_Q20	What is the single most important change Maryland should make to improve firearm	Open text	optional

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			surrender and safety in protective order cases? (Optional)		
SECTION 3 - RESPONDENT	R_Q21	R_Q21	Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience? (Optional)	Open text	Optional
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	A_INTRO	A_INTRO	<i>See Appendix at Bottom</i>		Display if ROLE=Advocate / Community Provider
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER		A_Q01	SECTION 5 — ADVOCATES / COMMUNITY PROVIDERS		Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER		A_Q02	Estimated completion time: 15-18 minutes	Per Instrument (includes Not sure / Prefer not to answer where applicable)	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	58	A_Q03	Do you discuss firearm surrender requirements with petitioners when assisting them with protective orders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Sometimes 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	59	A_Q07	Would any of the following help you better assist clients with firearm-related	Multiple choice with comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate guide or written tools ○ Training on firearm surrender laws or processes ○ Clearer court instructions 	Force Response ON

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			issues? (Select all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better coordination with law enforcement ○ Other specify 	
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	60	A_Q08	In your experience, do judges discuss firearm removal at the temporary protective order stage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Always ○ Often ○ Sometimes ○ Rarely ○ Never ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	61	A_Q09	In your experience, do judges discuss firearm removal at final protective order hearings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Always ○ Often ○ Sometimes ○ Rarely ○ Never ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	62	A_Q10	In your opinion, what are the biggest concerns survivors have about firearms in domestic violence cases? Select all that apply	(Select up to 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The respondent may use a firearm to threaten or harm the survivor ○ The respondent may keep firearms after being ordered to surrender them ○ Survivors may not know whether firearms were surrendered or removed ○ Firearms may be hidden or stored elsewhere ○ Law enforcement may not remove firearms quickly ○ Fear of police involvement ○ Immigration-related concerns ○ Economic retaliation ○ Fear that the Respondent will harm Petitioner's friends or family ○ Fear that the Respondent will harm pets ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON Maximum 3

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other (please specify) 	
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	63	A_Q11	Do survivors you work with fear identifying firearms to the police or court due to safety or legal concerns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Sometimes 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	64	A_Q12	How often do survivors you work with know whether firearms were actually surrendered or removed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Never ○ Rarely ○ Sometimes ○ Often ○ Very often ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	65	A_Q13	In your experience, have firearm-related protective order violations been prosecuted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	66	A_Q14	In your opinion, should courts hold mandatory compliance review hearings to confirm firearm surrender?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	67	A_Q15	In your opinion, should respondents be required to list any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON

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			firearms they own or have access to when served with the temporary protective order?		
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	68	A_Q16	In your opinion, should respondents be required to list any firearms they own or have access to when served with the final protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Unsure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	69	A_Q17	In your opinion, should Maryland create a statewide firearm surrender tracking system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	70	A_Q18	In your opinion, should firearm surrender compliance be checked on a regular basis after a final protective order is issued?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	71	A_Q19	In your opinion, what changes should Maryland adopt to improve service of protective orders on respondents?	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Alternative service (email, text, or social media) in certain cases <input type="radio"/> Third-party service at the respondent's home in certain cases 	Force Response ON

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clearer instructions to petitioners about service ○ Prioritizing high-risk cases for faster service ○ Improved training for officers or staff ○ Increased funding or resources ○ Other specify 	
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	72	A_Q20	In your opinion, how soon should respondents be required to surrender firearms after a final protective order is issued?	<p>Multiple choice with comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediately (same day) ○ Within 24 hours ○ Within 48 hours ○ Within 72 hours ○ Within 7 days ○ Other specify ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	73	A_Q21	What documentation should respondents be required to provide to show they do not have firearms? (Select all that apply)	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receipt from law enforcement for surrendered firearms ○ Signed declaration of no firearms ○ Other specify 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	74	A_Q22	In your opinion, what should happen if the respondent does not provide required proof of firearm surrender?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Court schedules a compliance hearing (a hearing to determine if the respondent has complied with firearm surrender) ○ Law enforcement seeks a search or retrieval warrant ○ Contempt proceedings ○ Criminal charges ○ Not sure ○ Other 	Force Response ON

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SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	75	A_Q23	How confident are you that firearm surrender requirements are consistently enforced across Maryland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very confident ○ Somewhat confident ○ Not very confident ○ Not confident at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	76	A_Q24	Overall, how effective is Maryland's current process for enforcing firearm surrender in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very effective ○ Somewhat effective ○ Not very effective ○ Not effective at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	77	A_Q25	What is the single most important change Maryland should make to improve firearm surrender and safety in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open text 	optional
SECTION 4 - ADVOCATE / COMMUNITY PROVIDER	A_Q26	A_Q26	Is there anything else we should know? (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open text 	optional
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	L_INTRO	L_INTRO	<i>See Appendix at Bottom</i>		Display if ROLE=Law Enforcement
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT		L_Q01	SECTION 5 — LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY		Force Response ON

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SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT		L_Q02	Estimated completion time: 15-18 minutes	Per Instrument (includes Not sure / Prefer not to answer where applicable)	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT	80	L_Q03	After a temporary protective order (TPO) is issued, how quickly is it typically entered into METERS in your jurisdiction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Same day o Within 24 hours o 2-3 days o 4-7 days o More than 7 days o Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	81	L_Q04	After a final protective order (FPO) is issued, how quickly is it typically entered into METERS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Same day o Within 24 hours o 2-3 days o 4-7 days o More than 7 days o Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	82	L_Q05	What are the main reasons for delays in METERS entry, if any? Select all that apply	<p>Multiple choice with comment. Select up to 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Staffing limitations o Court-to-law enforcement communication delays o Technical/system issues o Incomplete paperwork o Unclear responsibility o Other specify o Not sure 	Force Response ON Maximum up to 3
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	83	L_Q06	Does your jurisdiction manually enter protective orders into METERS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Yes o No o Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	84	L_Q07	Do officers in your jurisdiction have reliable access to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Yes o Somewhat o No 	Force Response ON Branching: If Yes, skip to L_Q09

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			METERS from patrol vehicles or the field?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure 	
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	85	L_Q08	If access to METERS is inconsistent or unavailable, what is the primary issue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connectivity or service gaps ○ Device limitations ○ Login or permission issues ○ Policy restrictions ○ Training gaps ○ Not sure ○ Other 	Force Response ON L_Q08 relevance = L_Q07 == "No" OR L_Q07 == "Somewhat"
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	86	L_Q09	What most often prevents successful or timely service of temporary protective orders? (Select all that apply)	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select up to 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unable to locate respondent ○ Incorrect or outdated address ○ Respondent avoiding service ○ Staffing limitations ○ Competing calls for service ○ Safety concerns during service ○ Not sure ○ Other specify 	Force Response ON Maximum up to 3
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	87	L_Q10	When a temporary protective order is served, is the petitioner routinely notified?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, always ○ Yes, sometimes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT /	88	L_Q11	At the time of service, how often do officers explain firearm surrender requirements to respondents?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Always ○ Often ○ Sometimes ○ Rarely ○ Never ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON

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SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	89	L_Q12	During service of protective orders, how often do officers encounter a situation where firearms are at the location where the respondent is being served?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely <input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Often <input type="radio"/> Very often <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	90	L_Q13	How often are firearms surrendered voluntarily after service or court order, without further enforcement action?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very often <input type="radio"/> Often <input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Rarely <input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	91	L_Q14	Does your agency routinely seize firearms when required under Maryland law in domestic violence cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Almost always <input type="radio"/> Most of the time <input type="radio"/> Some of the time <input type="radio"/> Not very often <input type="radio"/> Never 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	92	L_Q15	How much of a problem is firearm storage capacity in your jurisdiction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not a problem <input type="radio"/> A small problem <input type="radio"/> A moderate problem <input type="radio"/> A big problem <input type="radio"/> A very big problem <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	93	L_Q16	In your opinion, should law enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Under certain circumstances 	Force Response ON

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			agencies be allowed to charge a storage fee for guns removed under a protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sure 	
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	94	L_Q17	In your opinion, what are the biggest barriers to removing firearms from respondents? Select all that apply	Multiple choice with comment (Select up to 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respondent hides or refuses to disclose firearms ○ Limited law enforcement time/resources ○ Delays in service ○ Legal limits without a warrant ○ Firearms stored elsewhere ○ Poor court-to-law enforcement coordination ○ Respondent claims no firearms ○ Not sure ○ Other 	Force Response ON Maximum up to 3
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	95	L_Q18	In final protective order cases, how often do you seek a search warrant when firearms are not relinquished as required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Never ○ Rarely ○ Sometimes ○ Often ○ Always ○ Not applicable 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	96	L_Q19	Does your agency have sufficient and effective technology to carry out protective order service and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Somewhat ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON

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Section	Q# in Survey Monkey	Variable Code	Exact Question Text	Response Options	Branching / Notes
			firearm surrender enforcement?		
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	97	L_Q20	Which technology gaps most affect your work? (Select all that apply)	Multiple choice with comment (Select up to 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No real-time protective order status updates o No statewide tracking of firearm surrender o Poor integration between court and law enforcement systems o Limited mobile access in the field o Duplicative data entry o Manual data entry o Other specify o Not sure 	Force Response ON Maximum up to 3
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	98	L_Q21	If Maryland could implement one technology improvement, which would help most?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Statewide firearm surrender tracking system o Automated notifications when orders are issued or served o Improved mobile METERS access o Better court-law enforcement data integration o Other specify 	Force Res Statewide firearm surrender tracking system Automated notifications when orders are issued or served Improved mobile METERS access Better court-law enforcement data integration
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT	99	L_Q22	In your opinion, does your jurisdiction have sufficient staffing to serve respondents with protective orders within 7 days?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Almost always o Most of the time o Some of the time o Not very often o Never o Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	100	L_Q23	If staffing is not sufficient, what	Multiple choice with comment (Select up to 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o High caseload volume 	Force Response ON Maximum up to 2

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Section	Q# in Survey Monkey	Variable Code	Exact Question Text	Response Options	Branching / Notes
			contributes most to service delays? Select all that apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Not enough process servers <input type="radio"/> Competing calls for service <input type="radio"/> Rural geography or travel time <input type="radio"/> Limited overtime funding <input type="radio"/> Other specify <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	101	L_Q24	How often do you see effective cross-jurisdiction cooperation (DC, VA, PA, WV, NY, DE) in protective order or firearm enforcement cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Never <input type="radio"/> Rarely <input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Often <input type="radio"/> Very often <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	102	L_Q25	How confident are you that firearm surrender requirements are consistently enforced across Maryland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very confident <input type="radio"/> Somewhat confident <input type="radio"/> Not very confident <input type="radio"/> Not confident at all <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	103	L_Q26	Overall, how effective is Maryland's current process for enforcing firearm surrender in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Very effective <input type="radio"/> Somewhat effective <input type="radio"/> Not very effective <input type="radio"/> Not effective at all <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	104	L_Q27	What is the single most important change Maryland should make to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Open text 	optional

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			improve firearm surrender and safety in protective order cases?		
SECTION 5 - LAW ENFORCEMENT	105	L_Q28	Is there anything else we should know? (Optional)	Open text	Optional
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	C_INTRO	C_INTRO	<i>See Appendix at Bottom</i>		Display if ROLE=Court / Legal System Actor
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS		C_01	SECTION - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS SURVEY	Per Instrument (includes Not sure / Prefer not to answer where applicable)	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS		C_Q02	Estimated completion time: 15-18 minutes		Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	107	C_Q03	In your opinion, how well do current protective order forms support identifying firearms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very well ○ Somewhat well ○ Not very well ○ Not at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	108	C_Q04	In your opinion, how well do current protective order forms support facilitating the surrender of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very well ○ Somewhat well ○ Not very well ○ Not at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON

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			firearms by the respondent?		
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	109	C_Q05	In your opinion, how well do current processes support confirming firearm removal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very well ○ Somewhat well ○ Not very well ○ Not at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	110	C_Q06	In your opinion, when should judges ask about firearms during the protective order process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the temporary order hearing only ○ At the final protective order hearing only ○ At both hearings ○ At neither hearing ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	111	C_Q07	In your opinion, should respondents be required to list any firearms they own or have access to when served with the final protective order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	112	C_Q08	In your opinion, should the court automatically schedule a compliance hearing (a hearing to determine if the respondent has complied with firearm surrender) if the respondent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON

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			does not provide proof of firearm surrender or a declaration of no firearms?		
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	113	C_Q09	In your opinion, should Maryland create a statewide system to track firearm surrender and compliance in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	114	C_Q10	In your opinion, should firearm surrender compliance be audited or reviewed regularly at the final protective order stage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	115	C_Q11	In your opinion, should any elements of the Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) process be adapted to improve firearm removal in domestic violence protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure 	Force Response ON Branching: If No or Unsure skip to C_Q13 C_Q12 relevance = C_Q11 == "Yes"

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SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	116	C_Q12	If yes, which ERPO elements should be considered?	(Select all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clear timelines for firearm removal ○ Regular compliance checks ○ Faster warrant process for noncompliance ○ Better tracking or documentation of firearm surrender ○ Better coordination between courts and law enforcement ○ Not sure ○ Other 	Force Response ON C_Q12 relevance = C_Q11 = "Yes"
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	117	C_Q13	In your opinion, how effective is the current process for electronically transmitting protective orders from the court to law enforcement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very effective ○ Somewhat effective ○ Not very effective ○ Not effective at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	118	C_Q14	In your opinion, how effective is coordination between courts and law enforcement in enforcing firearm surrender requirements in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very effective ○ Somewhat effective ○ Not very effective ○ Not effective at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 - COURTS /	119	C_Q15	In your opinion, do language access needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, frequently ○ Yes, sometimes ○ Rarely 	Force Response ON

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LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS			(interpretation or translation) create challenges in ensuring respondents understand firearm surrender requirements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No ○ Not sure 	
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	120	C_Q16	In your opinion, does the court have sufficient staff and resources to support firearm surrender compliance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Somewhat ○ No ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	121	C_Q17	In your opinion, how quickly should respondents be required to surrender firearms after a final protective order is issued?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediately (same day) ○ Within 24 hours ○ Within 48 hours ○ Within 72 hours ○ Within 7 days ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	122	C_Q18	In your opinion, what proof should respondents be required to provide to the court regarding firearm surrender?	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receipt showing firearms were surrendered ○ Signed declaration that the respondent does not possess firearms ○ Other specify ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS /	123	C_Q19	In your opinion, what should occur	<p>Multiple choice with comment (Select all that apply)</p>	Force Response ON

Section	Q# in Survey Monkey	Variable Code	Exact Question Text	Response Options	Branching / Notes
LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS			if a respondent does not provide required proof of firearm surrender or non-possession?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The court should schedule a compliance hearing (i.e., a hearing to determine if the respondent has complied with firearm surrender) ○ Law enforcement should seek a search or retrieval warrant ○ The petitioner should be able to file for contempt if they choose ○ Criminal charges should be considered ○ Other specify 	
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	124	C_Q20	How confident are you that firearm surrender requirements are consistently enforced across Maryland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very confident ○ Somewhat confident ○ Not very confident ○ Not confident at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	125	C_Q21	Overall, how effective is Maryland’s current process for enforcing firearm surrender in protective order cases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very effective ○ Somewhat effective ○ Not very effective ○ Not effective at all ○ Not sure 	Force Response ON
SECTION 6 – COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	126	C_Q22	What is the single most important change Maryland should make to improve firearm surrender and safety in protective order cases?	Open text	optional

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SECTION 6 - COURTS / LEGAL SYSTEM ACTORS	127	C_Q23	Is there anything else you would like to share regarding firearm surrender or enforcement in protective order cases? (Optional)	Open text	optional

Appendix: Introductions

Advocates: The purpose of this study is to assess the strengths and areas of improvement for the protective order process, including how firearm surrender requirements are understood, implemented, tracked, and enforced across Maryland. Advocates play a critical role in guiding survivors through the protective order process. Your perspective will show how firearm surrender affects survivors and families beyond the courtroom.

Law Enforcement

Why are we asking you?

You play a key role in how these orders work every day. We want to hear about:

- Work challenges
- Staffing and resource needs
- Data systems and tracking
- Work between agencies
- Officer and public safety

Your privacy

Taking part is completely your choice and your responses are anonymous. This survey is not an audit or job review. Answers will be used only to understand statewide needs.

Why your voice matters

Your experience can help shape changes that will work in real life. The purpose of this study is to assess the strengths and areas of improvement for the protective order process, including how firearm surrender requirements are understood, implemented, tracked, and enforced across Maryland. Law enforcement play a critical role in the protective order process, from service to enforcement. This section focuses on operational, technological, and coordination realities. This is not an audit or performance review.

Courts & Legal System Actors: The purpose of this study is to assess the strengths and areas of improvement for the protective order process, including how firearm surrender requirements are understood, implemented, tracked, and enforced across Maryland. This section seeks system-level perspectives and is not a review of individual cases or professional performance.