

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 17

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE AND UPDATE ON GUN VIOLENCE
REDUCTION WORK PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On February 6, 2024 (14), the Board of Supervisors (Board) received the Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and directed staff to return in early 2025 with an initial update on Work Plan actions. On February 6, 2024 (15), the Board directed that the annual report on gun violence in San Diego be combined with the GVRP Work Plan update in early 2025.

Since then, Public Safety Group Executive Office (PSG EXO) staff developed an implementation plan for the GVRP Work Plan and engaged and collaborated with County departments, community stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, and public agencies to advance the strategies and actions contained in the GVRP Work Plan. The GVRP Work Plan, is, and will remain, driven by data to meet the evolving needs of San Diego County residents, identify emerging trends, and assess effectiveness of actions and interventions.

The annual gun violence report presented today provides relevant data on gun violence in San Diego County, including the number of privately made, non-serialized firearms, commonly known as ghost guns, recovered by the San Diego Sheriff's Office. Additionally, data from the Department of the Medical Examiner and Emergency Medical Services is included, covering firearm-related hospitalizations, emergency department visits, homicides, and suicides. The GVRP Work Plan update provides current progress on Work Plan actions for FY 2024-25 and outlines Work Plan actions to be carried out in FY 2025-26.

Today's requested actions are for the Board to receive the annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and to receive an update on the GVRP Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and
2. Receive an update on the Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

According to John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Gun Violence Solutions, 48,204 people died by firearms in the United States in 2022. This presents an average of one death every 11 minutes. In San Diego County, from 2020-2024, there were 1,071 deaths by firearm (734 were suicide and 337 were homicide). Between January 2021 and September 2024, there were 823 firearm-related emergency department visits and 639 firearm-related hospitalizations among the County's six trauma facilities. While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders and racial/ethics backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. In San Diego County, the firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents in 2024 was 7.1 per 100,000 people, while Asian residents had the lowest rate at 0.0.

Hispanic residents have the highest proportion of firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in the county between 2021 and September 2024. Regional suicide data shows that White men over the age of 65 have the highest rates of firearm-related suicide in the County.

The strategies outlined in the FY 2024-25 Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan are designed to make a direct impact on preventing firearm-related violence in the short term, while also addressing the root causes that contribute to risk in the long run. By concentrating programs, services, and practices on the communities and individuals most affected by violence and its underlying factors, the goal is to create lasting solutions. Prioritizing equity, the objectives are to reduce disparities and disproportionality, while improving the health, safety, and well-being of residents through collaborative partnerships, innovation, and active community involvement, in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions have contributed to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by creating long-term systemic changes that address the root causes of violence while fostering safe, resilient communities. Staff have leveraged County resources from departments that aid in mental health services and community building efforts to assist in reducing the social and economic disparities that often contribute to violence. The Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Work Plan identifies programs and policies that prevent gun violence, reduce suicides, increase awareness of gun violence and suicide prevention through educational materials, and strengthen support services for firearm injury victims and their families. Actions included in the Work Plan are supported by community partnerships and collaboration, particularly the GVRP Community Partnership Council, and the GVRP County Leadership Committee. These groups play a crucial role in providing guidance, identifying opportunities and challenges, and helping to develop ongoing solutions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations to receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and an update on the Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan. Staff will return to the Board for authorization and approval of funding source(s) for any future related actions with a fiscal impact. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

