Firearms Restraining Order (FRO)

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WHAT IS A FIREARMS RESTRAINING ORDER?

A CIVIL COURT ORDER THAT TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM POSSESSING OR BUYING FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR FIREARM PARTS THAT COULD BE USED TO MAKE AN OPERABLE FIREARM

WHEN → A petition for a firearms restraining order may be filed if someone poses an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury to themselves or others.

WHERE → A petition may be filed in any county where the respondent resides or any county where an incident occurred.

WHO → A spouse, former spouse, person with whom the respondent has a minor child in common, parent, child, or stepchild of the respondent, any other person related by blood or present marriage to the respondent, or a person who shares a common dwelling with the respondent or law enforcement officer may file a FRO.

WHAT → Evidence of (1) unlawful or reckless use, display, or brandishing of a firearm; (2) a history of threats or violence; (3) prior felony arrests/convictions; (4) substance abuse; (5) violations of protective orders; (6) access to firearms such as possessing a valid FOID and/or CCL may be provided to the court when filing a FRO.

COST → No fee to file.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

If you are a *community-based organization in Cook County and are interested in learning more about how FROs can be used as a resource and prevention tool*, please contact:

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