

**Proposal to the Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention
OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center
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The following summarizes the research the OHSU team will conduct on the topic of **community violence** as described in an email sent to us on behalf of the Task Force chairs on November 11. The work reflects a \$100,000 cost point.

Current community safety protocols, including at hospitals and behavioral health facilities, with recommendations for improvement.

Research approach: Interview safety experts/administrators from urban and rural hospitals and behavioral health facilities in Oregon to summarize current protocols in use and perceived barriers and facilitators to the implementation of best practices. Review scientific literature to identify best practices for these safety protocols.

Deliverable: Findings will be reported to Task Force members at a monthly meeting or via a brief report.

Key locations and events frequently targeted by community safety threats.

Research approach: Summarize mass violence threats identified in Gun Violence Archive data and those for which ERPOs were filed. Results will be presented by county.

Deliverable: Findings will be summarized in a fact sheet shared with Task Force members and made accessible to the public via the OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center website.

Efficacy of extreme risk protection orders and challenges to voluntary firearm surrender protocols.

Research approach: Analyze ERPO data from 2018 through the first 6 months of 2024. Summarize interviews with law enforcement officers regarding their firearm surrender protocols and challenges and meet with the Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition's members who conducted a firearm retailer survey regarding voluntary firearm storage/surrender to learn of their findings; synthesize findings from these sources.

Deliverable: The ERPO findings will be summarized in a fact sheet shared with the Task Force and uploaded to the Center's website. Findings regarding the firearm surrender protocols will be reported to the Task Force members at a monthly meeting or via a brief report.

Barriers to implementing community safety best practices.

Research approach: Conduct key informant interviews and literature reviews to identify community safety best practices and describe barriers to their implementation.

Deliverable: Findings will be summarized in a fact sheet shared with Task Force members and made accessible to the public via the OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center website.

Domestic violence as a risk factor for both community safety and suicide threats.

Research approach: Synthesize data from ERPO court records, the Gun Violence Archive, and Oregon Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) involving domestic violence and review the existing scientific literature.

Deliverable: Findings will be summarized in a fact sheet shared with Task Force members and made accessible to the public via the OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center website.

Risks faced by first responders.

Research approach: Synthesize data from ERPO court records, the Gun Violence Archive, and Oregon VDRS involving first responders and review the existing scientific literature.

Deliverable: Findings will be summarized in a fact sheet shared with Task Force members and made accessible to the public via the OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center website.