



Operation Safe Families is a
domestic violence and firearms
prevention partnership between:

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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Jefferson County District Attorney

One Place Family Justice Center

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Safe Families



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Operation Safe Families:

Protecting Families From Gun Violence



Firearms and Domestic Violence are Threats to Public Safety

When a domestic abuser has access to a firearm, the likelihood of the intimate partner victim being killed increases 500%.

54% (85 of 156) of mass shootings between 2009-2016 involved domestic or family violence.

34% of mass shootings involved a shooter who was a prohibited person.

Nearly 40% of NICS firearms denials are due to domestic violence convictions or protection orders

10% of homicides occur between intimate partners

20% of intimate partner violence involves a weapon

Federal Law Prohibits Gun Possession for Domestic Abusers

It is a federal crime to possess a firearm or ammunition while subject to a valid qualifying Protection Order. 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8)

It is a federal crime to possess a firearm or ammunition after conviction of a qualifying misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9)

Federal prosecution of firearms possession may allow victims to receive swifter, more certain, and more significant sentences against their abusers.



Domestic Violence in Alabama

22,000 acts of domestic violence were reported to north Alabama law enforcement in 2016.

26 of Alabama's 43 domestic violence homicides in 2016 occurred in north Alabama

More than 1,000 protection from abuse orders are issued in Jefferson County each year

40% of domestic violence homicide victims in Alabama are men

Annually, more than 6,000 calls for emergency response to domestic violence are made in Jefferson County

Nearly 100 domestic assaults are reported DAILY in Alabama