

Subject:	Welfare Checks - Firearms	
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PURPOSE

The Governor signed SB 505 into law on September 30, 2014 as it relates to a law enforcement response to welfare checks wherein the welfare check is motivated by a concern that the person may be a danger to himself or others. The basic premise of this legislation is that responding law enforcement is encouraged to conduct a search of the Department of Justice; Automated Firearms System (AFS) within the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) to determine if the person is a registered owner of a firearm.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon receipt of a request to check the welfare of a person who is believed could possibly be a danger to himself or others, the call taker receiving the call will:
 - a. Attempt to ascertain the name, age and/or date of birth of the subject.
 - b. Run the subject in GUS CLETS to ascertain if there are any firearms registered to the subject.
 - i. When possible, this check shall be conducted by a dispatcher prior to the dispatch of a deputy to the call and the results of the check shall be provided to the responding deputy.
 - ii. If the call taker is unable to perform the check due to the level of activity or lack of CLETS access, it shall be their responsibility to ensure that the Freq. 1 dispatcher is advised and to ensure that another dispatcher performs the check.
 - iii. If there is not enough information to conduct a check for firearms prior to dispatching the deputy to the call, upon arrival, the responding deputy shall attempt to obtain and relate the needed information to dispatch for a firearms check, prior to clearing the call.