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SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES UPDATED COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION “SURVIVING GUN VIOLENCE” — NEW LAWS, NEW TRENDS, NEW TOOLS TO STAY SAFE

Seal Beach, CA – In the wake of ongoing incidents of mass shootings and gun violence across the country, the Seal Beach Police Department (SBPD) is urging residents and local business owners to attend an updated community safety presentation focused on surviving gun violence. SBPD emphasizes that this is not theoretical information—these are practical steps that can be remembered under stress and applied immediately, and they can save lives.

This presentation has been updated with new information, including changes in law and current safety guidance, to help the public make better decisions in the moments that matter most. SBPD encourages attendance even from those who have participated in similar presentations in the past, as the content has been refreshed to reflect what is new, what is being seen nationwide, and what best practices the public should understand today.

“Every community hopes it never happens here—but preparation is what saves lives,” said Chief Michael Henderson. “This presentation provides clear, actionable guidance that residents can use to protect themselves and others. If this information helps even one person respond more effectively in a crisis, it’s worth it.”

During this presentation, Captain Nick Nicholas will cover proven concepts that improve survivability during a gun violence incident, including situational awareness, rapid decision-making under stress, movement and protective actions, and what to do immediately after an incident while help is on the way. The presentation is designed to be straightforward, accessible, and useful for families, seniors, students, employees, and anyone who spends time in public spaces.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 5:30 pm, at the McGaugh Elementary School auditorium located at 1698 Bolsa Avenue, Seal Beach. Although this presentation will be held at McGaugh, the topics covered are not specific to school violence or an active shooter incident at a school.

There is no cost to attend this presentation. It is open to all community members, and no RSVP is required. **Due to the themes of violence and the graphic nature of portions of this presentation, the Seal Beach Police Department is discouraging anyone under the age of 18 from attending.**

To further support safe firearm storage, attendees will receive a free gun lock while supplies last.

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Captain Nick Nicholas at nnicholas@sealbeachca.gov or (562) 799-4100 ext. 1160.

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MEDIA ADVISORY (Media Welcome)

What: “Surviving Gun Violence” Safety Presentation (Updated Content)

When: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: McGaugh Elementary School Auditorium

1698 Bolsa Avenue, Seal Beach, CA

Who: Seal Beach Police Department — presentation and community Q&A

Visuals: Presentation slides, safety resources/handouts; interview availability before/after as staffing allows

Media are welcome to attend. For planning purposes, media representatives are encouraged to RSVP in advance.

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