



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/8/18  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am  
Date Submitted: 1/31/18

**Agenda Title:** Multnomah County Sheriff's Office disposal of firearms as unclaimed property

**Requested Meeting:** February 8, 2018 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes

**Department:** 60 - Sheriff **Division:** Sheriff's Office

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**Presenters:** Michael Reese, Sheriff

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

- The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) respectfully requests Board of Commissioner approval to dispose of firearms as unclaimed property. With Board approval, these firearms will be destroyed and turned into recycled materials.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

- MCSO, together with Multnomah County, have prioritized the prevention of gun violence. MCSO's has a comprehensive approach to responsible gun ownership and gun violence reduction that includes education and prevention efforts, background check failure and trace investigation collaboration, and responsive dispossession missions.
- Safekeeping and disposal of firearms is another measure in gun violence reduction. Through the course of law enforcement services (e.g. programming, calls for service, investigations, court orders, etc.), Sheriff Office members encounter and take possession of firearms. Once acquired, MCSO uses due diligence in attempting to locate the rightful owner(s), before disposing of firearms through destruction. It is Sheriff's Office policy not to transfer firearms to other law enforcement agencies without eventual destruction as a condition of the transfer. The Sheriff's Office does not offers firearms for sale.

- The five hundred and fifty-seven (557) firearms inventoried and presently slated for destruction consist of handguns, long rifles, shotguns, automatic rifles, and pellet and BB guns. These firearms have been in MCSO custody for over ninety (90) days and stem from owner turn-in programming, recovered property without an interested owner, seizures from closed cases, and /or adjudicated cases. With Board approval, a date for destruction will be scheduled and destruction will be facilitated.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

- Not applicable.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

- Not applicable.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

- Not applicable.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Michael Reese /s/

**Date:**

1/31/18