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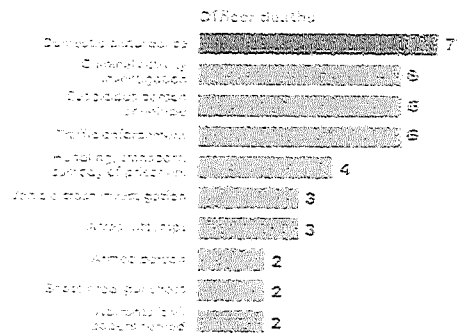
CINDY HOLSCHER
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Chair Olson and Members of the Committee:

I am here today to urge support of SB 192. This bill is a common sense measure that would help protect victims of domestic abuse, most notably women. However, there is another segment of our population that deserves protection from domestic abusers offered through this bill: law enforcement officers. Domestic violence calls are one of the most deadly situations to which police officers must respond. A US Department of Justice study illustrated that 40% of officer deaths are the result of responding to domestic violence calls/situations. In fact, in recent years, such calls have alternated between the top and second leading cause of death for police officers. Most of these shootings happen in close range, usually less than 50 feet.

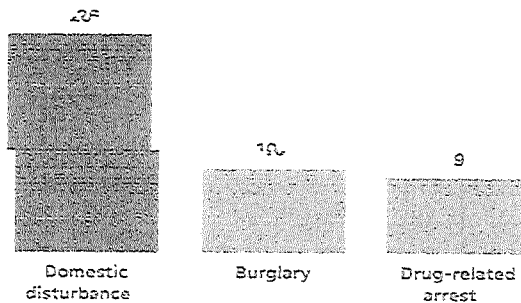
Top 10 causes of firearm-related fatalities of law enforcement officers in 2017



SOURCE: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund
KILL OFFICERS TODAY

Domestic disturbance calls prove deadly

Law enforcement officers killed in the following circumstances (2007-2016):

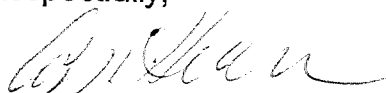


SOURCE: FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program
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Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line everyday. They shouldn't have to put themselves in harm's way when there is a known, identified risk. There is no justifiable reason to protect domestic abusers; additionally, there is no justifiable reason to protect potential cop killers. It is time to join with nearly two dozen other states in the country to enact this reasonable measure.

Keep in mind, domestic abusers aren't just dangerous for women – they're deadly to cops. Join me in supporting this bill and "backing the blue."

Respectfully,



Sen. Cindy Holscher
District 8

1. <https://www.kncv.com/article/news/local/domestic-violence-calls-proven-to-be-most-dangerous-for-responding-law-enforcement-officers/265-c71ef391-320c-4d4d-9449-2ede67c10829>
2. <https://www.genesisshelter.org/first-responder-lethality-on-domestic-violence-calls/>