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On July 19, 2010, Santa Clara County Superior Court in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, launched the California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR). This partnership between the Court and the Sheriff's Office has enabled Santa Clara to become the first county in California to implement full functionality of the CCPOR application. Full functionality includes an image repository and the capability to upload data to the Department of Justice's California Restraining and Protective Orders System (CARPOS). In June 2010, the other two pilot courts, Marin and Santa Cruz, implemented CCPOR as a repository without data upload.

CCPOR is a statewide registry that stores protective and restraining order data and images. In addition, the registry provides a gateway for entering orders into CARPOS. The registry allows authorized users to search and retrieve electronic images of restraining and protective orders from all participating counties. The ability to share and access information will reduce the number of conflicting orders across court divisions and across counties. Ultimately, CCPOR will be deployed to law enforcement agencies across the state. At this point in time, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide restraining and protective order information to law enforcement officers in the field. CCPOR will enhance victim protection and public safety as judicial officers and law enforcement officers will have complete, accurate and timely information on restraining and protective orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Jamie Jacobs-May stated, "Santa Clara is proud to be one of the first counties to implement the California Courts Protective Order Registry. We believe the ability to access accurate and up-to-date information regarding the existence of protective orders and restraining orders and their contents will have many benefits. Police officers on the street will be able to resolve disputes and protect individuals by knowing whether an order exists and what it says. Judges will be able to make more informed decisions and avoid issuing conflicting orders. Ultimately, the goal is to have a statewide registry so that throughout California, those intended to be protected, including victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, work place violence, or other crimes, will get the protection that they are entitled to receive."

Over the last two years, Santa Clara County Superior Court, in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, and other California trial courts, assisted the application development team in designing CCPOR to ensure all functional requirements were met. Both the Court and the Sheriff's Office completed user acceptance testing of the application and are now

in full production. “ We are very excited to see this program go live,” said Assistant Sheriff Lindley Zink. “CCPOR replaces the prior method of receiving faxed orders and storing them in paper files. Our operators can now efficiently relay the most up-to-date information to deputies in the field,” said Zink.

CCPOR will be deployed to a total of 20 trial courts by the end of 2010, and to the remaining 38 trial courts over the next few years. CCPOR is a complementary service to the California Court Case Management System (CCMS).

The project stems from the Judicial Council’s Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force’s 2006 recommendation which detailed the lack of information-sharing resources among trial courts and law enforcement. The project is being funded by a California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) grant.