



# Mental Health & Firearms Background Checks

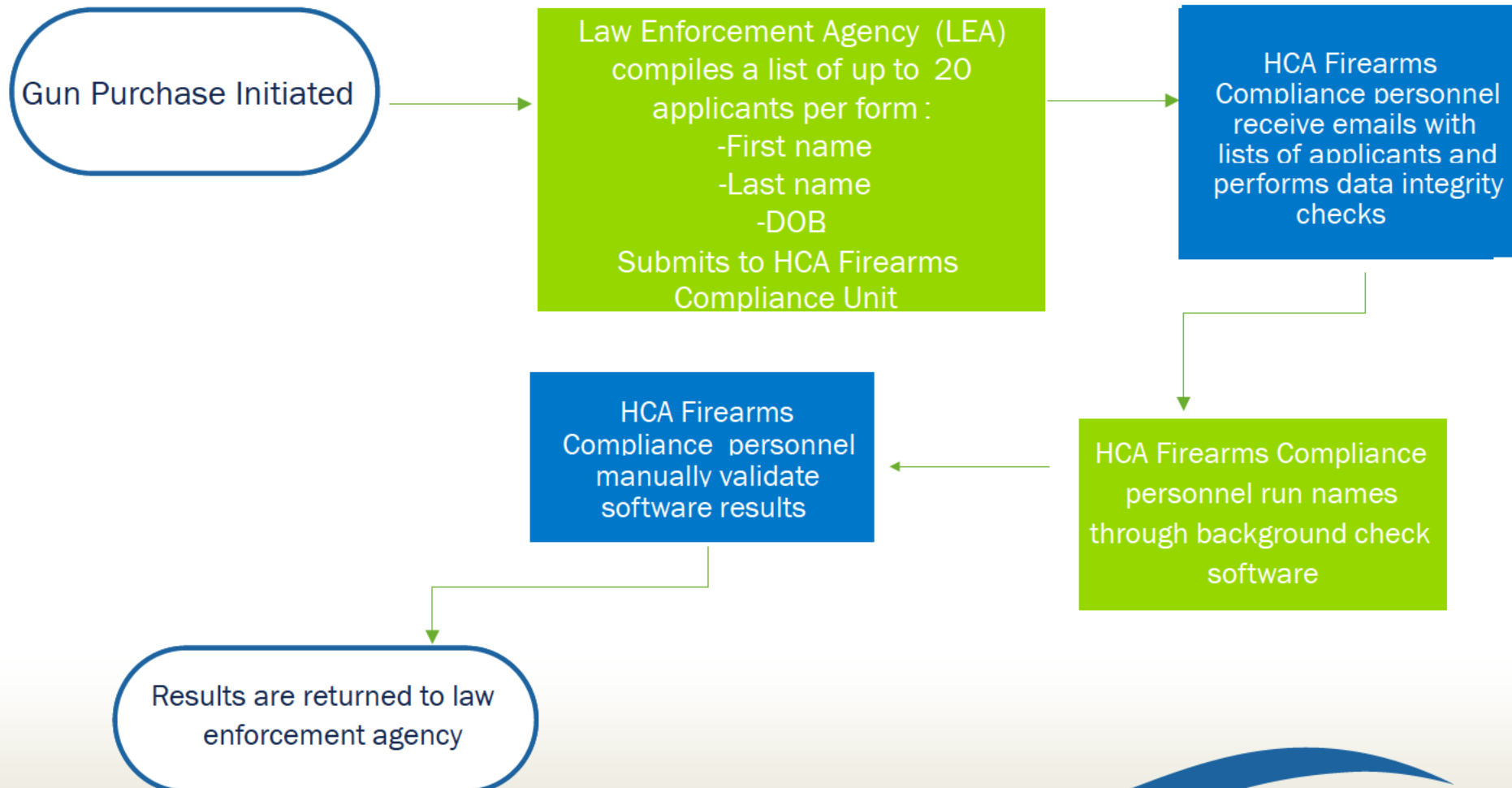
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# Statutory Requirements: Background Checks

- RCW 9.41
  - Pistol and suppressor transfers: 10-day application period
  - Evidence returns: 10-day application period
  - Concealed pistol licenses: 30-day application period
  - Dealer license: 30-day application period

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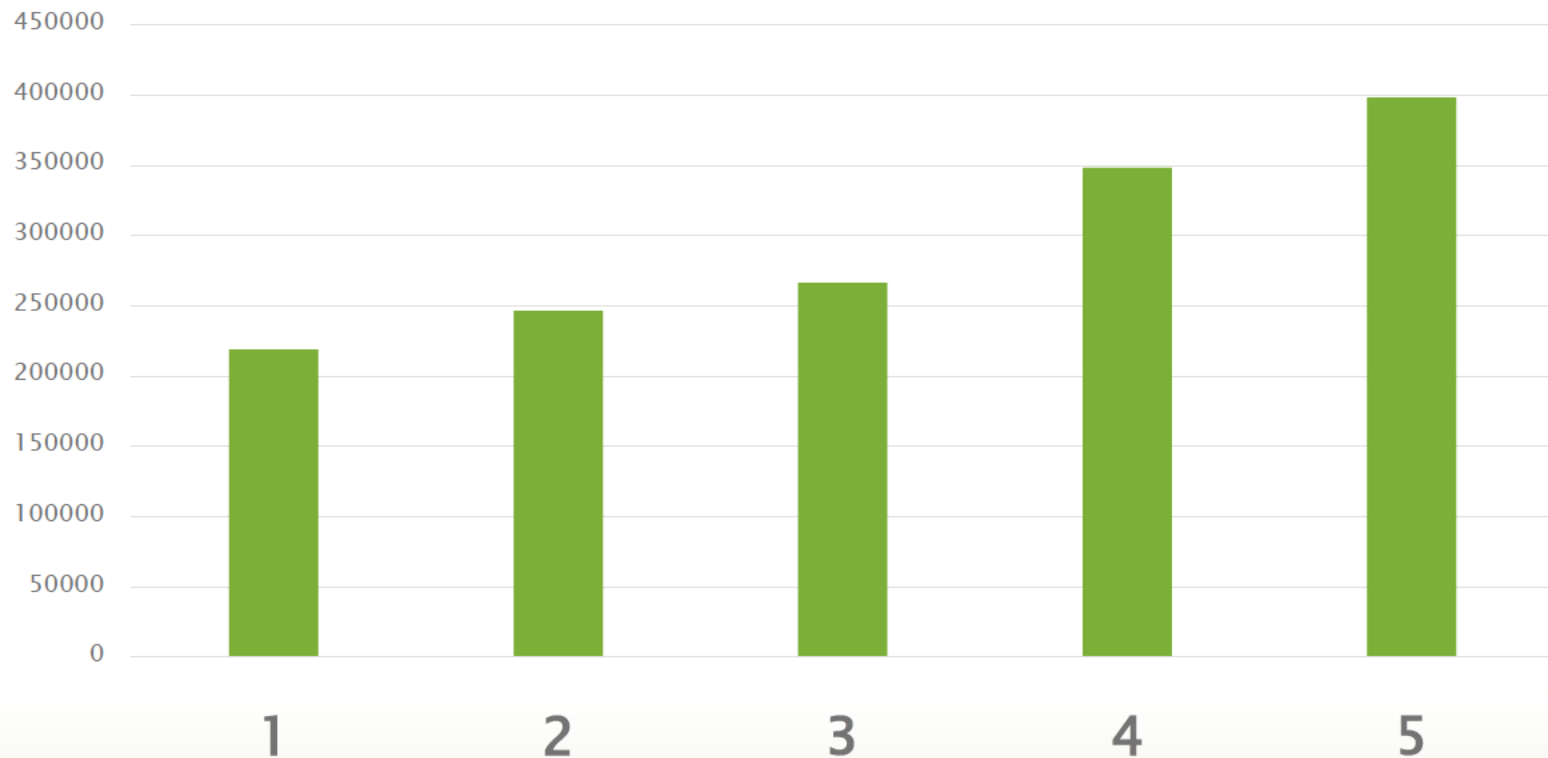
# Statutory Requirements: Involuntary Commitments

- RCW 9.41
  - Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment (examples 14-Day, 90 day, 180 day Court Ordered Treatment)
  - Outpatient Less Restrictive Alternative (90-day; 180-day LRA)
  - Forensic Competency Restoration
  - Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

# Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery's Work

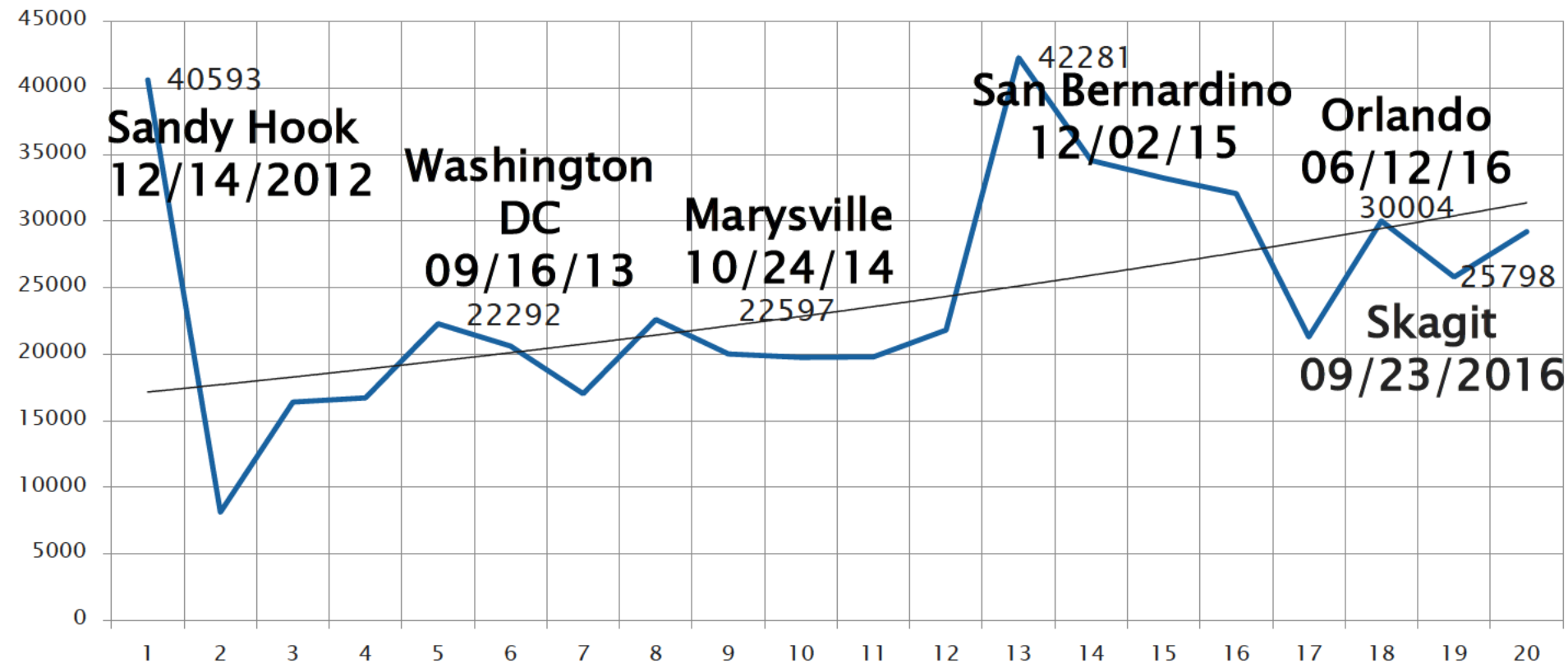
- Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR)
  - 179,500 received MH Services (2017)
  - Approx. 10,000 individuals court ordered to treatment (2017)
- DBHR unit workload
  - 400,000 names checked 2017
    - 33,333 per month
    - 1,300 per day
  - 400 denials per year
    - 33 per month
    - 1 per day

# Yearly Workload



# The Mass Shooting Factor

Requests for mental health background checks January 2013–October 2016



# Looking Ahead

- Initiative 1639
  - Projected increase of 195,000 mental health background checks per year
- Decision package request to increase DBHR staffing by 1 FTE
  - 1 background check specialist averages 200,000 background checks per year



# Questions?

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