

The purpose of *The Crime of Domestic Violence* training video is to present information regarding the complexities of domestic violence and how law enforcement and partners can effectively respond to victims and hold perpetrators accountable. This discussion guide is designed to reinforce key information highlighted in the video, encourage discussion on additional topics and promising practices, and assist law enforcement in applying this information to their local community.

SEGMENT 1: CRITICAL CONTEXT

- Define domestic violence/interpersonal violence. Review local/ state/tribal/campus statute on domestic violence.
- **2.** What tactics do perpetrators of domestic violence employ to gain and maintain power and control over victims?
- There may be victim behaviors that seem counterintuitive or frustrate individuals responding to domestic violence cases.
 Discuss these behaviors; 2) identify reasons why they may occur; and 3) consider strategies to effectively support victims and proceed with the case when these behaviors are present.
- **4.** Why may a victim of domestic violence hesitate to reach out for support or help?
- **5.** How is domestic violence "a relationship that evolves over time?"
- 6. Why is it critical to capture the history of the relationship and abuse, physical and non-physical, that has occurred?
- 7. What additional barriers/challenges may individuals in the following communities have to leaving an abusive relationship or contacting law enforcement (be sure to discuss the

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specific needs during initial response and/or after contacting intersectionality of communities and experiences)? What law enforcement may these individuals have?

- Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Individuals who are gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, or gender non-conforming
- Adolescents/teens
- Individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities
- Older adults
- Immigrants/non-English speakers

- crimes? Why is it critical to investigate domestic violence as a How do incident based crimes differ from course of conduct course of conduct crime?
- predominant aggressor? What are the potential consequences While on scene of a call for domestic violence, what steps should law enforcement take to properly identify the of not identifying the correct person?
- Discuss offensive and defensive injuries. How can responding officers distinguish between these injuries? M
- What questions may be helpful to ask victims in order to gather additional information, identify potential risks, and best support victims? What questions may be harmful or have a negative mpact on victims?
- Victims of domestic violence may be significantly impacted by the traumatic event that occurred. How might this affect the way they present to law enforcement? How may this impact their memory and recollection? 'n
- Discuss perpetrator behaviors that may not be criminal, but can be threatening to or cause fear in a victim of domestic violence. How can a victim's decision not to participate in a case serve ø.
- understanding of victims of domestic violence when on scene? What ways can law enforcement show their support and as evidence?
- What critical information should responding officers capture in တ်

- domestic violence reports? How may information from previous incidents involving the same individuals impact officers who respond at a later date?
- document statements that occur before the start of an official interview? (Refer to Crawford v. Washington and Davis v. Why is it critical that officers thoroughly and accurately Washington.) 0
- What crimes may co-occur in the context of domestic violence?
- questions can officers ask a victim to identify if strangulation What are the signs and symptoms of strangulation? What occurred? E 2
- Discuss the statement: "Leaving a violent relationship is not an event, but a process." 3
- If children are at the scene, what additional actions or protocols should officers consider? 4

- What tactics do perpetrators of domestic violence employ to gain and maintain power and control over victims? How may perpetrators use these tactics on responding officers?
- How may law enforcement be seen as a "problem" to perpetrators of domestic violence? ri
- information important? What details are pertinent to increasing Discuss what information law enforcement should have before arriving on the scene of a domestic violence call. Why is this officer safety? N
- What information can law enforcement elicit from a victim and witnesses that may increase officer safety?
- What may an increase in calls to law enforcement or frequency in the incidents of abuse indicate? 'n
- Discuss various challenges that officers in rural and urban areas may face when responding to domestic violence calls. ဖ်
 - How may information from previous incidents impact officers who respond at a later date?
- Discuss strategies that may increase officer safety when responding to domestic violence calls. oi

SEGMENT 4: WORKING TOGETHER

- In the film, it was stated: "Everyone can play a role that is meaningful to the victim." When working with victims of domestic violence, how can forming community partnerships benefit victims? Law enforcement?
- 2. Discuss how victim advocates can support law enforcement investigations.
- **3.** What needs may a victim of domestic violence have after leaving an abusive relationship?
- 4. How can community partnerships strengthen the response to:
 - Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
 - Individuals who are gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, or gender non-conforming
 - Adolescents/teens
 - Individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities
 - Older adults
 - Immigrants/non-English speakers
- **5.** What resources or organizations are available in your community to support victims?
- **6.** What community organizations has your department developed relationships with in order to support victims of domestic violence? What partnerships can be established to better support victims of domestic violence?
- **7.** What effective practices or programs has your department implemented to better support victims?
- What can law enforcement agencies and officers do to build rapport and trust with various communities within their jurisdiction?
- 9. How do you access your state victims' compensation programs?

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AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND SURVIVORS WITHOUT WHOM THIS VIDEO WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

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Was an arrest made? If an arrest was not made, is a detailed explanation of the reasoning in the report? Was more than one arrest made? If so, was probable cause articulated for the arrests in separate reports? What was the emotional state of the suspect (what did they report they were thinking and feeling)? Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool with the suspect? Was the proper protocol followed if the suspect was not on the scene? Are there any active warrants out for the suspect? Has the suspect been the respondent to a protection order in the past? Additional Notes

If both parties used force, were the proper steps taken

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Domestic Violence Report Review Checklist

How was the case received?

Does the report	include all needed	linformation?
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incident, time of dispatch, time of arrival)?

Are the elements of the crime articulated?

What were the observations upon approach?

Is the time of the call recorded (including time of

	Is there a valid protection order in place?	
]	Is the scene concisely described/diagramed?	
]	Were photos taken and details recorded?	
	Is the relationship of the parties identified?	
	What is the history of the relationship? (include	
	frequency of any violence, intimidation, and threats)	
П	Were all witnesses interviewed and documented?	
	Were there children on the scene?	
	Was information about previous incidents	
	documented?	
	Were weapons/objects used?	
	What was the emotional state of the victim (what did	
Ш	they report they were thinking and feeling)?	
	What evidence was collected?	
	Is evidence of fear articulated in the report?	
	Have all threats been clearly documented?	
	Is the use of coercion and/or force articulated?	
	Have all injuries (visible and non-visible) been	
ш	documented? Were injuries existing or new?	
т.	Was there any property damage? Theft? Burglary?	
	Are stalking behaviors identified? (e.g. following,	
ш	repeated calling, sending unwanted gifts)	
П	Did the officer inquire about possible strangulation	
	(hands, ligature, etc.)?	
_	Did the victim report being strangled ("choked")? If	
	so, was it described in detail?	
_	Did the victim request/need medical attention?	
	Did the victim report sexual violence?	
	Were all spontaneous statements captured?	
	Were all spontaneous statements captured.	
Λ 27	e your officers aware of the laws that address	
Αn	mestic violence and firearms?	
	Is this individual prohibited from possessing firearms	
	due to:	
	• a conviction for a misdemeanor crime of	
	domestic violence	
	 a qualifying order of protection 	
	I gram againt the victim with safety	
Did your officers assist the victim with safety		
6)	anning?	
	Does the suspect have access to weapons?	

 $\hfill \square$ \hfill Did the officer provide information about obtaining

Did the officer(s) provide the victim with information

Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool

an order of protection (if laws permit)?

about local service providers?

with the victim?

Protection Order Violations Report Review Checklist

Do	es the report include all needed information?
	How was the case received?
	Is the time of the call recorded (including time of
	incident, time of dispatch, time of arrival)?
	Are the elements of the crime articulated?
П	Is the scene concisely described/diagramed?
П	Were photos taken and details recorded?
П	Is the relationship of the parties identified?
	What is the history of the relationship? (include
_	frequency of any violence, intimidation, and threats)
	Were all witnesses interviewed and documented?
	Were weapons/objects used?
	What was the emotional state of the victim (what did
Ц	they report they were thinking and feeling)?
	What evidence was collected?
	Is evidence of fear articulated in the report?
	Have all threats been clearly documented?
	Are stalking behaviors identified? (e.g. following,
-	repeated calling, sending unwanted gifts)
	Is the use of coercion and/or force articulated?
	Have all injuries (visible and non-visible) been
	documented? Were injuries existing or new?
	Was there any property damage? Theft? Burglary?
	Did the victim report being strangled ("choked")? If
	so, was it described in detail?
	Did the victim need medical attention?
	Were all spontaneous statements captured?
Di	d your officers assist the victim with safety
	anning?
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	about local service providers?
	Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool
	with the victim?
	with the victin?
Di	d your officer gather comprehensive information
	out the suspect ?
	Was an arrest made?
	What was the emotional state of the suspect (what did
	they report they were thinking and feeling)?
	Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool
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	Was the proper protocol followed if the suspect was
_	not on the scene?
	Are there any active warrants out for the suspect? Has
	the suspect been the respondent to a protection order
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☐ Does the suspect have access to weapons?

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Sexual Assault Report Review Checklist

Does the report include all needed information?

-	How was the case received?
Π.	Is the time of the call recorded (including time of
12	incident, time of dispatch, time of arrival)?
	Are the elements of the crime articulated?
	What were the observations upon approach?
	Is the scene(s) concisely described/diagramed?
	Were photos taken and details recorded?
	Is the relationship of the parties identified?
	What is the history of the relationship? (include
	frequency of any violence, intimidation, and threats)
_	Were all witnesses interviewed and documented?
	Were "outcry witness" interviewed?
	Were weapons/objects used?
	What was the emotional state of the victim (what did
	they report they were thinking and feeling)?
	they report they were timiking and resimply
	What evidence was collected?
	Have all injuries (visible and non-visible) been
	documented? Were injuries existing or new?
	Is trauma documented in the report?
	Have all threats been clearly documented?
	Is the victim's fear effectively documented?
	Is the use of coercion and/or force articulated?
	Was there any property damage? Theft? Burglary?
	Are stalking behaviors identified in the report?
	Did the victim report being strangled ("choked")? If
	so was it described in detail?
	Did the officer inquire about possible strangulation
	(hands, ligature, etc.)?
	Did the victim request/need medical attention?
	Were advocates called to the scene?
	Is there a valid protection order in place? Was it
	verified?
. 🖃	Was the case coded properly?
	Has sexual abuse by the suspect been ongoing?
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	as the victim incapacitated or incapable of giving
C	onsent?
	Were drugs or alcohol used by victim? Are amounts
S==	and timespan articulated?
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-	and urine collected?
_	to the land (or physical incapacities been
L	documented?
	oid your officers assist the victim with safety
	olanning?
	Bild (6:(a) provide the victim with information
L	about local service providers?
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Was a forensic examination of the victim conducted? Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool

with the victim?

Was an arrest made? What was the emotional state of the suspect (what die they report they were thinking and feeling)? Were drugs or alcohol used by the suspect? Are amounts and time span articulated? Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool with the suspect? Was a suspect exam conducted? Were the suspects pre-incident behaviors documented? Was the proper protocol followed if the suspect was not on the scene? Are there any active warrants out for the suspect? Has the suspect been the respondent to a protection order in the past? Past arrests? □ Are there any other identified victims? Additional Notes

Report Review Checklist ☐ Difficulty breathing/unable to breathe, hyperventilation Raspy voice, hoarse voice, coughing, unable to speak П Trouble swallowing, painful to swallow Neck pain Nausea, vomiting, Involuntary urination or defecation Dizziness, fainting/light-headed Headaches, head "rush", ears ringing Loss of consciousness (how long?) Change in mental status (disoriented, combative, memory loss, "spaced out") Did your officer ask about and document visible injuries from the strangulation? Petechiae (pinpoint red spots above the area of constriction) Hemorrhaging, bruising Scratch marks, scrapes, abrasions Bloody nose, broken nose Finger nail impressions Swelling of the neck or face □ Pulled/missing hair, bumps on head Skull fracture, concussion Swollen tongue, swollen lips Is a diagram of injuries included with the report? Were there any existing (old) injuries? Did your officer gather and document comprehensive Was an arrest made? Did the suspect have any injuries? Were injuries identified on the suspect that may have been caused by the victim in self-defense? Could the suspect see the victim's face during the strangulation? What was the emotional state of the suspect (what did they report they were thinking and feeling)? Are there any active warrants out for the suspect? Have there been protection orders taken out on the suspect in the past? Was the proper protocol followed if the suspect was not on the scene? Did your officer discuss the following with the victim? The need for follow-up photos. Receiving medical attention. Symptoms and injuries can occur days or weeks after the strangulation, including miscarriage if pregnant.

Information about local service providers.

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Response to Non-Lethal Strangulation

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sta	tute/law, if applicable?
	Does the report thoroughly articulate the elements
	of the strangulation crime that occurred?
Do	es the report include all needed information?
	How was the strangulation case received?
	Is the time of the call recorded (including time of
	incident, time of dispatch, time of arrival)?
	Is the relationship of the parties identified?
	Is there a valid protection order in place?
	Are the events that took place pre and post
	strangulation documented?
	Has strangulation occurred in the past?
	Was information about previous incidents
	(strangulation, domestic/sexual violence, threats,
	stalking), including frequency, documented?
	Were all witnesses interviewed and documented?
	What was used to strangle the victim (one hand, two
	hands, forearm, other body part, ligature, etc.)?
	Were other weapons involved? Did the strangulation take place from the front or
	from behind?
_	Was the victim wearing jewelry?
	Was the victili wearing jewelry? Gloves?
	Is the suspect right or left handed, if known?
	How long did the strangulation last? How many times
ы	was the victim strangled?
	Was the victim also smothered?
	Was the victim also shaken while being strangled?
	Was the victim's head pushed into a wall, floor, or
	other surface? Was there property damage?
	Did the victim attempt to protect themselves?
	What was the emotional state of the victim (what did
	they report they were thinking and feeling)?
	Did the suspect say anything to the victim
	before/while/after the strangulation occurred?
	Did the victim say anything to the suspect
	before/while/after the strangulation occurred?
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	after the incident? Did the victim describe what the suspect's face looked
	Did the victim describe what the suspects face rooted
-	like during the incident? Why and how did the suspect stop strangling the
	victim?
_	Was medical attention provided?
	Lethe scene(s) concisely described/diagramed?
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thoroughly documented (sexual assault, kidnapping,

property damage, etc.)?

Did your officer gather comprehensive information Was an arrest made? What was the emotional state of the suspect (what did they report they were thinking and feeling)? Did the officer(s) utilize a threat/risk assessment tool with the suspect? Was the proper protocol followed if the suspect was not on the scene? Are there any active warrants out for the suspect? If so, is this information documented? Has the suspect been the respondent to a protection order in the past? Is this individual prohibited from possessing firearms • a conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence a qualifying order of protection

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Response to Stalking Report Review Checklist

Do	es the report include all needed information?
	How was the case received?
	Is the time of the call recorded (including time of
	incident, time of dispatch, time of arrival)?
	Is the relationship of the parties identified?
	What is the history of the relationship? (include
	frequency of any violence, intimidation, and threats)
	Are stalking behaviors articulated? (e.g. following,
	repeated calling, sending unwanted gifts)
	Is there a valid protection order in place? Was it
	verified?
	Were all witnesses interviewed and documented?
- 🔲	Was information about previous incidents
	documented?
	What evidence was collected?
	Was electronic/technological evidence collected?
	Were all incidents of stalking behavior on cell phones,
	computers, and recording devices captured?
	Is the scene(s) concisely described/diagramed?
	Were weapons/objects used?
	What was the emotional state of the victim (what did
	they report they were thinking and feeling)?
	Is evidence of fear articulated in the report?
	Have all threats been clearly documented?
	Is the use of coercion and/or force articulated?
	Have all injuries (visible and non-visible) been
	properly documented? Were injuries existing or new?
	Was there any property damage? Theft? Burglary?
	Were photos taken and details recorded?
	Did the victim report being strangled ("choked")? If
_	so, was it described in detail?
	Did the victim request/need medical attention?
	Were all spontaneous statements captured?
Α	e your officers aware of the state's stalking
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SU	atute/law?
	Does the report thoroughly articulate the elements of
	the stalking crime that occurred?
D:	d your officers assist the victim with safety
	anning?
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	Was information provided about obtaining an order
	of protection? (if laws permit)
	Was information about local service providers
	supplied to the victim?
	Was a threat/risk assessment tool utilized with the
	victim?
	Was the use of a "stalking kit" and/or stalking log

discussed with the victim?

Does the suspect have access to weapons?