

POLICY: SUPERVISING INVESTIGATIONS

Protocol 4: Supervising Investigations in Domestic Violence–Related Cases

Use the following related protocols, appendices, and training memos to implement this protocol:

- › *Protocol 3: Domestic Violence Investigations*
- › *Protocol 2: Victim Engagement Guidelines*
- › *Implications of the Crawford Decision and Forfeiture by Wrongdoing for Police Response to Domestic Violence*
- › *Law Enforcement Response to Strangulation*
- › *Law Enforcement Response to Stalking*
- › *Response to Children in Domestic Abuse–Related Cases*
- › *Victim Engagement and the Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence*
- › *How a Prosecutor Reads a Domestic Violence–Related Report*
- › *How a Defense Attorney Reads a Domestic Violence–Related Report*
- › *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Exchange of Records*
- › *Appendix: Interventions with Victims of Battering as Suspects or Defendants*

1. Ensure that every investigator is familiar with policies and procedures.
2. Review investigation files for thoroughness and if not satisfactory return to the investigator with specific instructions on actions to take.
3. Provide consultation to investigators on cases as needed.
4. Monitor investigations to determine:
 - a. If additional training is necessary in investigative techniques (e.g., interviewing, self-defense and predominant aggressor evaluation)
 - b. If additional training is necessary in the specifics arising in domestic violence-related cases
5. If additional training is warranted, direct the investigator to appropriate training and continue monitoring to determine effectiveness of training.
6. Compile and submit a case tracking report that includes:
 - a. Number of cases investigated
 - b. Number of cases charged (misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felonies)
 - c. Number of cases declined (misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and felonies)
 - d. Number of incomplete patrol reports returned
 - e. Concerns that need to be resolved and anticipated challenges
7. Review Blueprint policies, protocols and training memos with new investigators assigned to the unit within 30 days of assignment.
8. Update Blueprint policies and protocols yearly to comply with legislative statutory changes.
9. Assistant Chief will review five to ten randomly selected files every six months for completeness, using the case review checklist appended to this protocol.
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