

Vacaville Police Department Domestic Violence Update

COURSE GOAL:

This course will fulfill the legislatively required mandate (PC 13519(g)) that all law enforcement officers below the rank of supervisor receive updated instruction on domestic violence which includes coverage of all laws related to domestic violence calls or incidents of domestic violence every two years.

MINIMUM TOPICS:

- (1) Overview of Domestic Violence
- (2) Legislative Intent/POST Guidelines
- (3) Enforcement of Laws
- (4) Court Orders
- (5) Tenancy
- (6) Documenting Domestic Violence Incidents
- (7) Victim Assistance and Referral
- (8) Practical Application/Student Evaluation

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Student Learning Objectives & Methods of Evaluation**
 - A. Course activities to include: Practical Exercise, Group Scenarios- groups identify crimes, investigative steps and services provided to victim based on different scenarios or cases
 - B. Methods of Evaluation-activities evaluated by instructor using POST standards

- II. Registration, Introduction & Course Overview (1)-(5)**
 - A. Registration
 1. Roster completion
 - B. Introduction & Course Overview
 1. Review of definitions and applicable laws
 2. Definitions
 - a. Domestic Violence
 - b. Restraining orders
 - a. EPO
 - b. CPO
 - c. TRO
 - d. Gun Violence Restraining Order
 - c. Power and control

- d. Dominant aggressor/ Dual arrests
 - e. Qualifying relationships
 - i. Spouse or former spouse
 - ii. Cohabitant or former cohabitant
 - iii. Person with whom the suspect has had a child
 - iv. Dating or engagement relationship or former dating or engagement relationship
 - v. Adults and minors (AB 2826 amended PC13700 Covered Parties)
 - vi. Same sex relationships.
 - f. Defensive injuries
 - g. Offensive injuries
3. POST Guidelines/Legislative Intent
- C. Applicable Laws
- 1. 273.5 PC
 - 2. 602 PC
 - 3. 243e1 PC
 - 4. 262 PC
 - 5. 245 PC
 - 6. 273(a) PC
 - 7. 459 PC
 - 8. 591/591.5 PC
 - 9. 136.1 PC
 - 10. 594 PC
 - 11. 646.9 PC
 - 12. 653(m) PC
 - 13. 417 PC
 - 14. 368 PC
 - 15. 207 PC
 - 16. 597 PC
 - 17. 236 PC
 - 18. 647 (h)/(i) PC

III. Review of Legal Responsibilities

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- A. 13700 PC
- B. 13701/(l) PC
- C. 13702 PC
- D. 13730/ (a) PC
- E. 13701(c)/(c)(9) PC
- F. 6275 FC
- G. 6254 (f) GC
- H. 679.26 PC
- I. 679.05 PC
- J. 6228 FC
- K. 13730 (c)/(c)(3) PC

- L. 13710 (c) PC
- M. 18250 PC
- N. Class Activity

IV. Investigation

- A. Interviewing victims
 - 1. Details of current event
 - 2. Prior history
 - 3. Prior unreported injuries
- B. Interviewing suspects
 - 1. Attempt to locate/ obtain statement
 - 2. Details event
 - 3. Prior history
- C. Interviewing children
 - 1. Details of current event
 - 2. Prior history
 - 3. Prior unreported injuries
- D. Interview witnesses
- E. Document condition of crime scene
- F. Collect physical evidence
- G. Firearms seizure

V. Report Writing

(6)

- A. All DV reports to be documented – mandated requirements
 - 1. Document if weapons involved
 - 2. Document drugs or alcohol involved
 - 3. Document prior history / in-house records check/ restraining order info
 - 4. Document that inquiry and/or seizure of weapons occurred
- B. Report writing basics

VI. Victim assistance

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- A. Right to confidentiality
- B. Right to advocate/support person during interviews
- C. Resource and support information provided
- D. Victim/Witness assistance form provided
- E. Advocate and counselors
- F. FIRST

VII. Officer Safety

- A. Discussion and statistics re: officer homicides responding to domestic violence

VIII. Stalking and Strangulation

- A. Understanding the lethality of strangulation
- B. Choking vs Strangulation

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1. Prevalence
2. Signs and symptoms
3. Need for awareness
4. Solutions
5. Strangulation pamphlet
- C. Identifying the signs and symptoms of strangulation cases
- D. Anatomy and medical aspects in surviving and non-surviving victims
 1. Internal and external signs
 2. Review of neck lesions
 3. Petechiae
 4. Symptoms of laryngeal injury, asphyxia and/or hypoxia
 5. Comparison of injuries from surviving and non-surviving strangulation victims
 6. Case studies of victims strangled by various method

IX. Closing and questions