

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT (2870)
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE (32343)

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COURSE TITLE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE

COURSE NUMBER: 32343

COURSE HOURS: 2

COURSE GOAL: To provide students with updated information in the investigation of domestic violence cases. Information will be provided on the dynamics of family violence, applicable laws, prosecutorial issues, court orders, victim resources and after sentencing probation resources.

AUDIENCE: Any sworn law enforcement personnel who investigate cases of domestic violence.

NOTE: This course meets the mandates of California penal code section 13519 (G).

I. Pre-Test

A. Covering current laws and individual department policies.

II. Introduction & Course Overview

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1. Review of definitions and applicable laws and policy
 - a. Review of current department policy
 - b. 13519 PC – Mandated training
2. Definitions
 - a. Domestic Violence
 - b. Restraining orders
 - c. Power and control
 - d. Dominant aggressor
 - 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. Dual arrests
 - g. Emergency protective orders
 - h. Defensive injuries

- i. Criminal protective orders
- j. Offensive injuries

B. Applicable Law sections

- 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

- A. 13700 PC
 - 1. Address domestic violence as a serious crime against society, assure victims of domestic violence the maximum protection from abuse, and communicate the attitude that violent behavior in the home is criminal behavior
 - 2. Arrest of a person without a warrant whether or not the violation occurred in the presence of the arresting officer, in response to an alleged violation of a domestic violence restraining order when the peace officer has probable cause to believe the restrained party has notice of the order and has committed an act in violation of the order [PC 836 (c)(1)]
- B. 13701 PC - Agencies to develop, adopt, and implement written policies and standards that define response and handling of domestic violence calls for service and investigations
- C. 13702 PC - Dispatchers rank DV (Domestic Violence) calls among the highest priority calls
- D. 13730 PC - Report Writing on all Domestic Violence incidents

IV. History of Domestic Violence Victims

- A. Victims
 - 1. A historical look at how victims were treated by law enforcement and the public

2. A change in laws brought statutory mandates for law enforcement

V. Investigation

- A. Interviewing victims
 1. Details of current event
 2. Prior history
 3. Prior unreported injuries
- B. Interviewing children
 1. Details of current event
 2. Prior history
 3. Prior unreported injuries
- C. Interview witnesses
- D. Document condition of crime scene
- E. Collect physical evidence
- F. Firearms seizure
 1. 18250 PC
- G. Identifying at large suspects
- H. Elements of the crime have been established
- I. Notification of DV or Investigative unit

VI. Report Writing

- 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
 1. Ensure elements of the crime are covered
 2. Complete the report including all relevant information
 3. Route report to all necessary agencies

VII. Victim assistance

- A. Right to confidentiality
- B. Right to advocate/support person during interviews
- C. Resource and support information provided
- D. Advocate and counselors
 1. Stanislaus County Victim Services
 2. Advocate may follow victim through court process

VIII. Officer Safety

- A. Discussion re: officer homicides responding to domestic violence
 1. Statistics
- B. Officers will learn what the department's philosophy is on domestic violence
- C. Officer safety considerations
 1. Conduct a check for registered firearms
 2. Prior domestic violence incidents

3. Other considerations

IX. Stalking and Strangulation

- A. Understanding the lethality of strangulation
 1. With cases involving strangulation the suspect is more likely to commit other violent crimes
- B. Identifying the signs and symptoms of strangulation cases
- C. 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

X. Test

- A. Covering current laws and individual department polices
 1. Instructor and student review