

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event
Ideas for Topics and Speakers**

The MAG Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event is held to highlight local and national promising practices in the way the criminal justice system responds to domestic violence. The purpose of this year's training event is to improve coordination, communication, and implementation of domestic violence protocols. The goal is to enhance practices to help more victims be safe and hold more offenders accountable. This document breaks down the training topics and potential speakers identified by the affinity groups into the outcomes they serve to achieve in addressing domestic violence.

- 1) Help more victims be safe.
 - a. Communicate to victims the level of danger/lethality of their situation.
 - *Potential Speaker: Victim Advocate, El Mirage Police Department*
 - b. Give law enforcement access to release conditions in the field.
 - c. Keep offenders in jail longer to give victims time to safety plan.
 - *Potential Speaker: Phoenix Prosecutor's Office*
 - d. Increase victims' options for safe housing to include emergency shelter, rapid rehousing/housing first, motel programs, and others.
 - *Potential Speaker: Ed Mercurio-Sakwa Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, Tucson, AZ; Home Free, Portland, OR*

- 2) Hold more offenders accountable through increased prosecution.
 - Charge more multiple misdemeanors as felonies.
 - *Potential Speaker: Maricopa County Attorney's Office*
 - Increase use of lethality assessment tools/programs.
 - *Potential Panel: Phoenix, Mesa and Glendale Police Departments*
 - Develop processes for moving felony turn downs to municipal courts for misdemeanor charges without releasing offenders from jail.
 - *Potential Speaker: Maricopa County Attorney's Office*
 - Understand new laws for prosecuting domestic violence on tribal lands.
 - *Potential Speaker: Alane Breland, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*

- 3) Enhance implementation of protocol model.
 - Increase collection of audio/video using body cameras.
 - *Potential Panel: Scottsdale, Surprise Police Departments and Prosecutors*
 - Improve effectiveness of law enforcement interviews with victims based on research into the impact of trauma.
 - *Potential Speaker: Russell Strand, Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI); Trauma Informed Justice, NM*

- 4) Increase communication and coordination throughout the criminal justice system.
 - Share successes and challenges of lethality assessment programs/tools.

- *Potential Speakers: Perspectives from law enforcement, prosecution and victim services.*
- Develop tools/processes for determining when law enforcement should refer victims to victim service programs with limited resources.
 - *Potential Panel: Tempe, Peoria and Mesa Victim Service Programs*
- Inform members of the criminal justice system on how their roles and responsibilities fit together to achieve justice in domestic violence cases.
 - *Potential Speaker: Mesa Prosecutor's Office*
- Define various roles held by victim advocates in order to inform other victim advocates, law enforcement and prosecutors.
 - *Potential Panel: Advocates based out of law enforcement, shelter, courts, prosecutors' office, and community-based agency.*
- Enhance communication between advocates based out of various agencies.

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Proposed Areas of Focus**

Proposed Areas of Focus	Suggestions Made By:			
	<i>Law Enforcement</i>	<i>Prosecutors</i>	<i>Victim Advocates</i>	<i>DV Council</i>
1) Charging multiple misdemeanors as a felony.	X	X		
2) Use and data storage for audio/video from on-body cameras.	X	X		
3) Growing use, impact, and evaluation of lethality assessment tools/programs including impact on victim services and relationship building across disciplines.	X	X	X	
4) Access to release conditions in real-time in the field.	X			
5) Process for felony turn downs moved to municipal courts for misdemeanor charges.		X		
6) Changes in laws for prosecuting domestic violence on tribal lands.		X		
7) Life of a Domestic Violence Case – how the different professions interact and contribute to the system.	X	X	X	
8) Increasing communication between advocates based out of different agencies.			X	
9) Defining various roles of victim advocates in order to inform law enforcement and prosecutors about the differences.			X	
10) Interview techniques for law enforcement when speaking with victims and the impact of trauma.	X	X	X	X
11) Rapid re-housing, housing first, motel programs for domestic violence survivors.			X	X