



# Maricopa Association of Governments Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event Registration



**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

**Wyndham Phoenix Hotel, 50 E. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ**

**Check in at 8:30 a.m.**

Event begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

**The event is free of charge, but registration is required.**

Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

**Space is limited. Please register before October 6, 2011.**

Please complete one form for each person attending.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which category best describes your position:

law enforcement  prosecution  victim advocate  or community partner

**Parking:** Free valet parking will be available at the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel’s parking garage. Gratuity is not included. The garage entrance is located on the west side of First Street south of Monroe. If the garage is full, additional self-pay parking can be found at the Chase Garage located on First Street just north of Monroe.

**Please send your registration to Rachel Brito at [rbrito@azmag.gov](mailto:rbrito@azmag.gov), to fax number 602-254-6490 or mail to: Maricopa Association of Governments, 302 N. 1st Ave, Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 85003.**



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### Training Sessions to Include:

#### **Maintaining the Integrity of a Domestic Violence Crime Scene**

Police officers and crisis response unit personnel have distinct roles and responsibilities at domestic violence crime scenes. Their roles are designed to complement each other and increase the effectiveness of helping victims and gathering evidence. This session will explore strategies for maximizing these relationships while maintaining the integrity of the crime scene.

#### **Techniques for Talking to Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence**

Children may be overlooked as resources to help determine what has occurred at the scene of a domestic violence situation. Concerns about the legality of talking with child witnesses may be limiting inclusion of their interviews in reports. This session will discuss proper techniques for talking with children who are witnesses of domestic violence.

#### **Using Lethality Assessment to Increase Effectiveness**

Law enforcement agencies are beginning to use lethality assessment tools when investigating domestic violence cases. These tools help identify the most dangerous cases and assist in directing limited resources to best ensure public safety. This session will explore how lethality assessment tools are being used to increase effectiveness in keeping victims safe and holding those who abuse accountable.

#### **Constitutional Rights of Domestic Violence Victims**

Domestic violence victims have both state and national rights. While these rights have been in writing for many years, they are not always followed in practice. This session will provide an overview of victims' rights as well as discuss how police, prosecutors, and advocates can ensure victims know their rights.

#### **Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project: How to Replicate the Process**

An assessment of the protocols used to arrest and prosecute misdemeanor domestic violence crimes was conducted in partnership with local law enforcement, prosecutors, and advocates. The result was evidence of a fragmented response to domestic violence crimes across the region. Strategies were developed to increase communication, share resources, develop a protocol model, and provide training to help make improvements. This session will provide an overview of the process used and lessons learned to help with replication across the state.



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