

Maricopa Association of Governments
Protocol Evaluation Project Community Meeting Results

A total of 52 participants identified the following topics as “areas of most potential” to be addressed through the December 1, 2010 conference. This builds on the areas identified during the interviews conducted prior to the community meeting. Items in italics were added at the community meeting:

Training Issues

- Implement techniques for prosecution on witness tampering and forfeiture of wrongdoing (Sarah Buel).
- Promote the triage approach for determining coercive control in domestic violence cases (Phoenix Police Department and Evan Stark).
- *Consistently apply the Brady Indicator.*
- *Improve evidence collection, especially through audio tapes and photographs at the crime scene.*
- *Explore ways to constructively work with Giles and Crawford ramifications.*
- *Expand report-writing skills, especially by providing a more detailed plausible cause statement in Form IV.*
- *Fine-tune and deepen an understanding of domestic violence dynamics, particularly through identification of coercive control.*

Communication/Collaboration

- Implement Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams (Dr. Neil Websdale).
- *Improve inter-city coordination between police department, victim services, crisis intervention, prosecution (Scottsdale), especially when bundling three misdemeanors into a felony and serving orders of protection.*

Victim Involvement

- Providing resources to victims even when no “crime” reported (Scottsdale - Purple card)
- Ongoing communication with victim (John Goodman, Peoria Police Department)
- *Increase victim involvement by more timely and efficient prosecution.*
- *Develop and implement a standard check list of things a survivor needs to know.*

Attitudes

- *Focus on the role language plays, ie. shifting from “victimless” to “evidence-based prosecution.”*
- *Identify and address personal and societal bias that impact domestic violence.*

Others

- National Family Justice Centers (Casey Winn)
- Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment (Dave Sargent)
- Accountability for domestic violence offenders (Glendale Treatment Court)
- *Increase the number of arrests and convictions.*