

Lethality Assessments

Intended results

- Community education.
- Prosecution focused.
- Improve police reports and investigations.
- Community understanding and safety.
- Assessment tool development.
- Homicide prevention.
- Minimize lethal DV cases, focus on high lethality cases.

How do we measure success?

- Change of attitudes, internal surveys.
- Better communication among parties.
- Keep track of data/statistics to be able to measure success.
- Higher bonds and increased jail time.
- Lower fatality rates.
- Measure rates of tools and protocols.
- Lower statistics of DV incidents.
- Educating all disciplines.
- Recidivism is down.

Challenges/barriers

- Officers as report takers.
- Changing the culture.
- Consider all other stakeholders.
- Lack of cohesion among tools, protocols and training curriculum.
- Are we putting victims in more danger?
- Changing the officer's mind-set on the scene of a DV call, instill the importance of educating victims as well as conducting assessments.
- Need a better way to track the data.
- Victim participation.

What have we learned?

- Time and prioritizing.
- Accountability.
- Mandatory DV Counseling has little impact.
- DV Counseling and Anger Management are different.
- Increased education helps victims.
- Researching all resources to prove better serve for victims.

How will it be different this time?

- Focus more on preventative measure against DV.
- More abuser treatment program to prevent future victims.
- Brown Bag training/focus groups about offender treatment.
- Coordinated effort between agencies.
- More transitional housing.
- Increase services for offenders.
- Through training and education.

Additional resources/Key People

- Judge/Courts.
- Treatment programs.
- More judges, elected officials, legislators, schools, universities and medical.