

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT
PRESENTS

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION:
SPECIAL ISSUES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

MARCH 15-17, 2009 • JACKSONVILLE, FL

AGENDA



Monday, March 15, 2010

8:00-9:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
Rhonda Martinson, Attorney, Battered Women's Justice Project

9:15-11:15 **Law Enforcement and U-Visas**
Kavitha Sreeharsha, Sameera Hafiz, Senior Staff Attorneys, Legal Momentum

- Understanding the U-visa process
- Role of law enforcement in U-visa certification
- Developing local U-visa protocols
- Expanding relationships with immigrant victim communities

11:30-1:15 **Working Lunch, Plenary**
Chief John Harrington, Saint Paul Police Department - The Saint Paul Blue Print for Safety

1:30-4:30 **Workshop Sessions**

**A. Victim Intimidation and Witness Tampering:
Identification, Investigation, Documentation**

Jeff Griep, Attorney Advisor, Aequitas

- Signs of a batterer's undue influence over a victim.
- Recognizing victim behaviors that are attempts to cope with battering.
- Strategies to hold "intimidators" accountable for obstruction of victims' access to justice, victim intimidation, and manipulation of the justice system.

B. Identifying patterns of stalking

Marc A. Guillory, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's Office

- Challenges associated with the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases.
- Offender dynamics and uncharged acts.
- Victim safety and support.
- Recidivism and risk of future violence.

C. Strangulation and Suffocation: Identification, Investigation, Documentation

Detective Mike Agnew, Fresno Police Department

Dr. Dean Hawley, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Anatomy, signs and symptoms of strangulation and suffocation.
- Law enforcement best practices in identification, investigation and documentation.
- Forensic information on strangulation and suffocation homicides.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

8:00- 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Workshop Sessions (repeat)

A. Victim Intimidation and Witness Tampering: Identification, Investigation, Documentation

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C. Strangulation and Suffocation: Identification, Investigation, Documentation

Detective Mike Agnew, Fresno Police Department, Dr. Dean Hawley, Indiana University School of Medicine

12:00-1:30 Working Lunch

1:30-4:30 Workshop Sessions

A. Assessing for sexual assault in DV cases

Officer Mike Davis, Vancouver PD, WA

Officer Mike Lumpkin, Mt. Vernon PD, WA

- Developing protocols to screen for sexual assault in DV cases; what to ask and how to ask.
- Determining appropriate LE response , What actions are appropriate to take?

B. Law Enforcement Responses to Child Witness: Considering the Issues and Creating Best Practice Responses

Jeff Fontaine, Sergeant, Colchester Police Department, VT; Amy Torchia, Children's Advocacy Specialist/Consultant with VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

- Policy to best protect children and adult victims while employing effective investigatory practices.
- Decision making points for Law Enforcement Officers: why, when and how to search for children, when to talk to children, and subduing or arresting in the presence of children.
- Tools to assist in creating model protocol for responding to children witnesses to domestic violence.

C. Overcoming Obstacles to the Full Enforcement of Protection Orders

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- Interjurisdictional service of orders and promising practices for effective service.
- Firearms prohibitions under the federal Gun Control Act.
- Role of law enforcement in the relinquishment of weapons.
- VAWA III mandate re: custody, support, and economic provisions in protection orders.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

7:30-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-11:25 Workshop Sessions (Repeat)

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11:30-12:30 Closing Plenary

Maryland Lethality Project, a model for Law Enforcement

Dave Sargent, MD LAP