Abstract

While intimate partner violence is often seen as synonymous with domestic violence, it is actually a type of domestic violence that exists all on its own and comes with its own challenges and considerations. Almost one million individuals were victims of intimate partner violence in 2017 and on average, more than half of female homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner. While rates of intimate partner violence have declined in the past 25 years because of the advances made in victim services and training, it is still an incredibly pervasive problem in our society. This training will focus specifically on intimate partner violence, how it develops in relationships, other crimes that occur in concurrence with it, and the effects on children of being exposed to violence among other topics. The training will conclude with a case study that examines how all of these parts fit into the larger picture of an abusive relationship.
Learning Objectives

- Identify risk factors among potential victims/abusers as well as risk factors that can be found in communities and throughout society
- Differentiate between the various kinds of intimate partner violence, but also understand how they play into one another
- Understand and analyze the role of the cycle of violence, as well as the idea of power and control, within intimate partner violence relationships
- Identifying crimes that occur concurrently with IPV and the role that they play in the cycle of violence
- Understanding and identifying reasons why victims may be unable/unwilling to leave abusive relationships
- Effects of IPV on children in the household and how to interact with children who are exposed to IPV
- Recognizing the intersection between drug/alcohol abuse and IPV and the effects it has on victims

Methodology

The principles on which this training is centered on were developed by assessing various training tools and resources that focus on various aspects of intimate partner violence prevention and prosecution, including research conducted by the Center for Disease Control and National Sheriffs’ Association. This training will cover these principles using various topics and videos to present the material in an engaging format, as well as review suggested handouts that further explain concepts discussed throughout this training. It is important to note that this training centers solely on intimate partner violence, rather than domestic violence as a whole. The material is designed to be presented as a whole or in parts as deemed most relevant to the site it is being provided to, and can be presented in person or in an electronic format via webinar or other available methods.

Agenda

- What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)?
- IPV Risk Factors
- Cycle of Violence
- Types of IPV
- Concurrent Crimes
- Leaving an Abusive Relationship
- Effects of IPV on Children
- Role of Drugs/Alcohol
- A Victim Case Study
- Resources Available for Victims