Abstract

Between 2015 to 2017 the number of domestic violence victimizations that occurred increased by over 13%, including violence committed by both intimate partners and family members. While domestic violence awareness and prevention has become more and more prevalent in recent years, it is by no means a resolved issue. Domestic violence is a nuanced issue, with numerous facets and aspects that often make it a more sensitive and complicated issue for law enforcement and victims services than some other crimes. In this presentation, participants will gain a better understanding of domestic violence and some of its adjacent complications, including domestic violence within different victim populations, special considerations for victim safety and protection, and various types of community coordinated responses to domestic violence.
Learning Objectives

- Understand that there are various types of domestic violence and that it occurs in a number of different relationships
- Identify the difference between the different types of abuse - economic, physical, emotional, psychological, and sexual
- Recognize the appropriate steps to take on scene when responding to a domestic violence call, including how to assist victims in their safety planning.
- Summarize the relationship between domestic violence and firearms and actions that can be taken for victim safety
- Comprehend community-based responses to domestic violence, including the role of community-coordinate responses
- Apply learned concepts to analyze the many issues at play in a case study, and recognize how often this case study is repeated in real life

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 domestic violence prevention and prosecution, including research conducted by the Center for Disease Control and International Association of Chiefs of Police. This training will cover these principles using various topics and videos to present the material in an engaging format, and conclude with a case study designed to summarize and critically think about a number of topics covered. This training 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 domestic violence?
- Domestic violence victims
- Identifying domestic violence
- Responding to domestic violence
- Victim safety and protection
- Community coordinated responses to domestic violence
- Available resources
- Ray Rice case study