

POLICY

SUPERVISING THE PATROL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CASES**Framework**

The success of the interagency approach hinges largely on what happens in the first hour of each case. The patrol officer's role in laying a foundation for all subsequent interventions cannot be over-emphasized. Patrol supervisors, in turn, relay the department's priorities and expectations, thereby reinforcing the interagency response and the patrol officer's key role. This is accomplished by supervisors periodically attending domestic violence calls at the scene, reviewing reports on a daily basis, and providing more in-depth review of reports as needed to maintain the department's report-writing standards and reinforce the importance of thorough patrol reports to the overall safety and accountability goals of the interagency approach.

Policy: Patrol Supervision

In addition to following general agency policy, patrol sergeants and department command will take the following actions in providing supervisory oversight

in domestic violence-related cases, using the protocols, appendices, and training memos referenced and included as part of this policy.

1. Implement the provisions of this policy in accordance with *Protocol 5: Supervising the Patrol Response to Domestic Violence*.
2. Monitor responding officers' on-scene activities and compliance with policy by periodically appearing on the scene of domestic calls and assessing the patrol response.
3. Review patrol reports for accuracy and completeness.
4. Respond to patrol officers' requests to approve decisions to not arrest in misdemeanor cases where probable cause has been established.
5. Respond to department employee-involved domestic violence calls by ensuring that a supervisor of higher rank than the involved officer is dispatched to the scene.

6. Ensure that patrol officers receive and are introduced to domestic violence response policies and protocols and related appendices and training memos.

Protocols, appendices, and training memos

The following protocol is attached to and included as part of the patrol supervision policy:

- › *5: Supervising the Patrol Response to Domestic Violence*

The following appendix is included as part of the patrol supervision policy:

- *Patrol Supervision – Domestic Violence Patrol Report Review*

See the Blueprint Supplement for appendices and training memos referenced in the policy and protocol.

POLICY: SUPERVISING INVESTIGATIONS

Law Enforcement Protocol 5: Supervising the Patrol Response to Domestic Violence

Use the following related protocols, appendices, and training memos to implement this protocol:

- › *Protocol 1: Patrol Response to Domestic Abuse-Related Calls*
- › *Protocol 2: Victim Engagement Guidelines*
- › *Appendix: Practitioners' Guide to Risk and Danger in Domestic Violence Cases*
- › *Appendix: Interventions with Victims of Battering as Suspects or Defendants*
- › *Gone-on-Arrival (GOA) Cases*
- › *Making the Arrest Decision*
- › *Miranda Rights and Domestic Violence Cases*
- › *Implications of the Crawford Decision and Forfeiture by Wrongdoing for Police Response to Domestic Violence*
- › *Law Enforcement Response to Strangulation*
- › *Law Enforcement Response to Stalking*