



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION TRAINING

This training provides attendees with an in-depth understanding of the dynamics between domestic violence and the resulting trauma victims and their families experience. It includes data on victim populations and insight on domestic violence outcomes, special considerations that can increase victim safety and protection, best practices for law enforcement's interaction with victims of domestic violence, and cost-effective, practical community-coordinated responses, programs, and services that are effective at reducing domestic violence.

Goal and Objectives

- Provide an understanding of the various types of domestic violence (e.g., psychological, physical, financial) and their resulting trauma.
- Provide a law enforcement toolkit for safety planning and appropriate measures necessary for domestic violence service calls.
- Outline successful strategies for prosecuting domestic violence.
- Provide a practical guide on the purpose and implementation of community-coordinated responses, programming, and services.

TTA Type: Training

TTA Format: Available in person and virtually

Intended Audience: Law enforcement, U.S. Attorneys, federal partners, victim services providers, legal advocates, and other PSN team members

Length: This training is intended to take one day but can be customized to include an additional half to full day that covers other PSN team-specific topics, such as intimate partner violence, teen-dating violence, and methods of child-sensitive parental arrests.

Agenda

- Introduction: What is domestic violence?
- Identifying domestic violence and its contributing factors
- Traumatic responses to domestic violence
- Victim safety and protection
- Domestic violence prosecution strategies
- Community-coordinated responses and partnerships
- Domestic violence services and resources
- Ray Rice case study and discussion
- Quiz and certification

SMEs: Mark Kurkowski is a 25-year veteran of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. For 21 years, Kurkowski investigated incidents of intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual assault while he was assigned to the Domestic Abuse Response Team, the Grants to Encourage Arrest Program, and the St. Louis Regional Domestic Violence Prevention Team. He has nine years of experience as an investigator and supervisor on the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad, a multijurisdictional investigative unit focused on homicide investigations.

Additional trainers are available and can be identified based on the needs of the PS site. This training will be conducted in collaboration with local victim services organizations/agencies.