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A quarterly newsletter for CT's domestic violence
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Good afternoon,

Welcome to the Fall 2013 issue of *Connections*!

You will notice that CCADV has a new logo. CCADV has had the same logo since 1978 and just as the police response to domestic violence crimes has moved forward, so have we at CCADV. In addition to a new logo, we have also launched a new web site with more victim-centered information. I would encourage you to take a look as there is also information about all of the projects that our team is working on, as well as upcoming training opportunities. Please visit us at www.ctcadv.org.

This issue of *Connections* will highlight the work being done by the Family Violence Model Policy Governing Council, the First 100 men, and a look at the lethality assessment program one year later.

An effective law enforcement response to domestic violence is critical to our mission at CCADV. Many times a victim's first contact with police will determine whether they choose to get assistance from trained domestic violence advocates. We continue in our efforts to build a strong partnership with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. CCADV has identified over 130 domestic violence police liaisons statewide and domestic violence prosecutors at each of the thirteen judicial districts. If any police department, prosecutor, or domestic violence advocate would like this information please contact me.

Any police department or domestic violence agency that would like to request training or technical assistance in the area of domestic violence may contact me at jfroehlich@ctcadv.org or 860-282-7899. All of the training we offer to law enforcement is free of charge.

Sincerely,

Joe Froehlich
Law Enforcement Coordinator

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Upcoming Meetings & Trainings

Understanding Domestic Violence

Dec. 3 | 10:00 - 3:00
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Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

Dec. 12 | 10:00 - 12:00
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Talking To Men About Preventing Intimate Partner Violence

Jan. 10 | 10:00 - 12:00
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Stalking & Strangulation in Domestic Violence

(for DV Advocates)
Jan. 14 | 9:00 - 4:00
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Stalking & Strangulation in Domestic Violence

(for Law Enforcement)
Jan. 15 | 9:00 - 4:00
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Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

Jan. 16 | 10:00 - 12:00
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Law Enforcement Advisory Committee

Feb. 20 | 10:00 - 12:00
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Revised Family Violence Model Policy Released

On September 26, 2013 the Family Violence Model Policy Governing Council completed the revisions to the Connecticut Family Violence Model Policy for Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence. The Council updated the provisions of the policy to meet VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) standards. The policy is available on the POST website and can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

The Council affirms this policy is Connecticut's Model Policy and is not the policy of one agency. CCADV Executive Director Karen Jarmoc and Representative Mae Flexer (D-Killingly) co-chaired the Council, their leadership was instrumental in bringing together 19 members representing various disciplines to enhance the statewide policy to guide law enforcement.

The policy includes definitions of various terms as defined by statute, eliminates areas of duplication, and updates firearms seizures to conform to current state statutes. The policy includes a guide for comparison of various orders of protections. This document should be used for understanding and determining the appropriate police action for any type of order of protection. The Council included guidelines for telecommunications personnel, responding officers and supervisors.

As many know, with any new policy there may be areas that need to be revised following full implementation. If there are concerns or suggestions for improvements please feel free to contact Joe Froehlich, CCADV Law Enforcement Coordinator at jfroehlich@ctcadv.org.

Supervising Domestic Violence Investigations Presented by Sgt. John Guard

On Wednesday, November 6th, CCADV and POST hosted nationally recognized speaker Sergeant John Guard of the Pitt County Sheriff's Office in Greenville, NC. Sgt. Guard spent the majority of his 21 year career specializing in the response to and investigation of domestic violence.

There were approximately 128 police supervisors and liaisons from across the state, representing a wide range of experience in the audience. Sgt. John Guard presented a case study of one domestic violence intimate partner homicide that changed how law enforcement in North Carolina responded to crimes of domestic violence. His training included such topics as how law enforcement's mindset can improve victim safety, a review of case law established through the Crawford v. Washington decision, and techniques to use to determine whether self-defense was used by a victim.

Attendees commented that Sgt. Guard was very knowledgeable and passionate about the police response to domestic violence. Several evaluators noted the most important thing they learned was the impact of Crawford v. Washington on domestic violence cases. This case demonstrates the importance of building a strong case to support the victim's statement in the event the victim declines to testify or is not available at the time of trial.

Sgt. John Guard shared his observations of Connecticut and our law enforcement community in an email after the training. He wrote the following:

"I was very impressed with the number of officers who were in attendance. The level of attendance at the conference shows that the officers in Connecticut are truly dedicated to finding innovative ways to increase victim safety and offender accountability. I am equally as impressed with the criminal laws that Connecticut has that can be leveraged to increase offender accountability. I enjoyed the conversations that were had surrounding the "Crawford vs. Washington" case as well as the discussions that occurred about the post arrest investigation."

Police Re-Certification in Domestic Violence

Feb. 26 | 10:00 - 12:00

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Questions?

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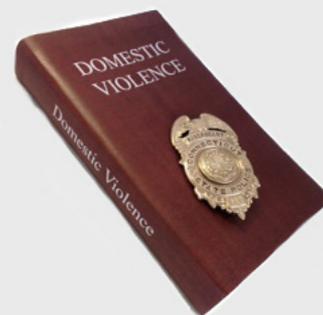
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Success Story?

Have a success story
you'd like to share?

Send your submission
to Joe at
jfroehlich@ctcadv.org

**all submissions to be
approved by CCADV*



LAP - One Year Later

On October 1, 2012 CCADV began a pilot known as the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). The program employs a two-pronged intervention process whereby first responders to domestic violence calls employ a research-based lethality screening tool and connect victims directly with advocates for support and safety information. An officer at the scene of a domestic violence incident conducts an assessment of the situation and, if factors that indicate danger exist, asks the victim a series of eleven questions that comprise the "Lethality Screen for First Responders." LAP protocol directs law enforcement to initiate intervention action as a result of the screening assessment.

If a victim's responses to the questions reveal a high potential for violence, the officer follows a referral protocol by informing the victim that people in similar situations have been the victim of escalating violence. To help the victim address immediate safety needs, the officer calls the local domestic violence advocate and encourages the victim to speak directly with the advocate.

The pilot program consisted of fourteen (14) police departments and eight (8) domestic violence member programs. The pilot program was conducted under the training and guidance of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence from October 2012 to December 2012. In February 2013, CCADV's Law Enforcement Advisory Committee conducted an evaluation and assessment of this pilot program. The committee held a roundtable discussion with law enforcement administrators and coordinators, as well as domestic violence administrators and coordinators. During this discussion it was apparent that the relationship between law enforcement and our member programs had strengthened as a result of the program.

The data reported during the pilot program by the participants was encouraging. There were 428 screens conducted, 268 (63%) were considered high danger screens, 239 (89%) of those screened at high danger agreed to speak on the telephone to an advocate, and 156 (65%) of those who spoke on the telephone to an advocate followed up with our programs for additional services.

The committee made recommendations about the program to address the needs in Connecticut. These recommendations included areas of training that should be reinforced and additional information that should be added to the lethality screening form. These changes were incorporated in five train-the-trainer sessions conducted between April and September 2013. There are currently thirty-eight (38) law enforcement agencies and fifteen (15) member programs with certified lethality assessment program trainers.

The Connecticut Lethality Assessment Program currently has 26 police departments and eleven member programs participating in the program. There are several police departments in the process of conducting in-house training and it is anticipated that over thirty police departments will be using the programs by January 2014.

The total number of screens conducted in the first year was 1,651 with 961 (58%) being identified as high danger, 806 (84%) of those in high danger spoke with an advocate, and 538 (67%) of those who spoke with an advocate followed up with services offered by our member programs.

The goal of this program was best described by a victim who stated the following "I had no idea that the officer would be so caring and concerned. I really took the officer and the advocate seriously when I saw them work together to help me to a safe place. They showed me that there are people out there to help me and my son, I did not have to do this alone."

Click [HERE](#) to view the list of participating agencies.

Community Partner Spotlight

CCADV would like to recognize and thank the Center for Women & Families and Bridgeport Police Department for their outstanding partnership. Under the leadership of Chief Joseph Gaudett they have worked together to make victims safe.

On Thursday, October 3, 2013 during the arraignment of a domestic violence offender in Bridgeport Court, it was determined that the offender had placed a GPS tracking device on the victim's vehicle. The Family Violence Victim Advocate recognized that this victim was currently in one of our safe houses and immediately brought this information to the attention of authorities.

The program contacted Bridgeport Police Department and Detective Sanford Dowling responded by locating the victim's vehicle, finding the GPS tracking device, removing this device, and returning the vehicle with a full tank of gas to the victim all in the same day.

It is this type of partnership between police departments and our membership programs that we strive for on a daily basis. Detective Sanford Dowling's actions not only kept the victim safe, but those who work and reside in our safe houses.

Law Enforcement Recognized at *First 100 Plus*



On Tuesday, November 19th, CCADV honored 100 men at our *3rd Annual First 100 Plus Breakfast and Awards Ceremony*. Established in 2011, the *First 100 Plus* recognizes male leaders who work to improve the lives of domestic violence victims either statewide or in their local communities.

Connecticut law enforcement was well represented at this event recognizing 36 police administrators and officers. In addition one police commissioner and two prosecutors were honored. Congratulations to the following men who represent law enforcement and prosecution in the partnership to reduce domestic violence in our state:

Chief Christopher Arciero - Canton Police Department
Assistant State's Attorney Edward Azzaro- Hartford State's Attorney's Office (Enfield GA)
Chief Alan Baker- Danbury Police Department
Sergeant Kevin Barney- New London Police Department
Chairman Kevin Brace- Windsor Locks Police Commission
Chief Dale Call- Westport Police Department
Assistant State's Attorney David Carlucci- Hartford's State's Attorney's Office
Chief Michael Crowley- Groton Town Police Department
Lieutenant Brian Cunningham- Norwalk Police Department
Lieutenant David DeVecchia - Stonington Police Department
Chief Joseph Dooley- Southern Connecticut State University Police Department
Chief Christopher Edson - Naugatuck Police Department
Major Alaric Fox- Connecticut State Police
Sergeant Sebastain Garofalo- Windsor Locks Police Department
Chief Joseph Gaudett- Bridgeport Police Department
Captain Edward Gould- Connecticut State Police
Chief Tracey Grove- West Hartford Police Department
Sergeant Ed Greene- Fairfield Police Department
Sergeant (retired) Garrett Kelly - East Hampton Police Department
Accreditation Program Manager Ted Lemay- Police Officer Standards & Training
Chief Duane Lovello- Darien Police Department
Lieutenant Bruce Lowe-Groton City Police Department
Lieutenant Brett Mahoney- Waterford Police Department
Sergeant Kenneth Miller- Farmington Police Department
Captain Brian Mullins- Plainville Police Department
Officer Michael O'Sullivan- New Canaan Police Department
Chief Eric Osanitsch-Windsor Locks Police Department
Chief Mark Palmer- Coventry Police Department
Officer Mark Pastor- Easton Police Department
Sergeant Brent Reeves- Greenwich Police Department
Sergeant Steven Renchy- Guilford Police Department

Chief Patrick Ridenhour- Stratford police Department
Chief John Roche- Ridgefield Police Department
Chief James Rovella- Hartford Police Department
Chief Darren Stewart- Stonington Police Department
Chief Michael Surprenant- Plainfield Police Department
Lieutenant Christopher Vanghele- Newtown Police Department
Captain Gary Wallace- Middletown Police Department



10x10 Campaign - Sign Up Today!



CCADV recently launched the new 10x10 Campaign - where men and boys are critical to the prevention of intimate partner violence.

The 10x10 Campaign is Connecticut's first statewide speakers' bureau of male leaders speaking on domestic violence. The campaign seeks to engage 10 men who will in turn educate 10 other men and boys about healthy relationships and how they can be part of the solution to stopping violence before it starts.

The 10x10 Campaign is open to any male leader who wants to take action to prevent intimate partner violence. All you need to do is attend one 2-hour training and then go out and talk to others about what you learned. You'll receive the tools necessary to carry on the conversation and educate others about the problem and its impact.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more. To get involved, contact Linda Blozie at 860.282.7899 or training@ctcadv.org.