DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE 2 HOUR

POST COURSE NUMBER: 32343

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	Introduction

- A. Review of definitions and applicable laws
- B. Definitions
 - 1. Domestic Violence
 - 2. Restraining orders
 - 3. Power and control
 - 4. Dominant aggressor
 - 5. Qualifying relationships
 - a. Spouse or former spouse;
 - b. Cohabitant or former cohabitant;
 - c. Person with whom the suspect has had a child;
 - d. Dating or engagement relationship or former dating or engagement relationship
 - e. Adults and minors (AB 2826 amended PC13700 Covered Parties
 - f. Same sex relationships.
 - 6. Dual arrests
 - 7. Emergency protective orders
 - 8. Defensive injuries
 - 9. Criminal protective orders
 - 10. Offensive injuries

C. Applicable Laws

- 1. 273.5 PC
- 2. 602 PC
- 3. 243e1 PC
- 4. 262 PC
- 5. 245 PC
- 6. 273(a) PC
- 7. 459 PC
- 8. 591/591.5 PC
- 9. 136.1 PC
- 10. 594 PC
- 11. 646.9 PC
- 12. 653(m) PC
- 13. 417 PC
- 14. 368 PC
- 15. 207 PC
- 16. 597 PC
- 17. 236 PC
- 18. 647 (h)/(i) PC

II. Review of Legal Responsibilities

- A. 13700 PC
 - 1. Address domestic violence as a serious crime against society, assure victims of domestic violence the maximum protection from abuse, and communicate the attitude that violent behavior in the home is criminal behavior
 - 2. Arrest of a person without a warrant whether or not the violation occurred in the presence of the arresting officer, in response to an alleged violation of a domestic violence restraining order when the peace officer has probable cause to believe the restrained party has notice of the order and has committed an act in violation of the order [PC 836 (c)(1)]
- B. 13701 PC Agencies to develop, adopt, and implement written policies and standards that define response and handling of domestic violence calls for service and investigations
- C. 13702 PC Dispatchers rank DV (Domestic Violence) calls among the highest priority calls
- D. 13730 PC Report Writing on all Domestic Violence incidents

III. Investigation

- A. Interviewing victims
 - 1. Details of current event
 - 2. Prior history
 - 3. Prior unreported injuries
- B. Interviewing children
 - 1. Details of current event
 - 2. Prior history
 - 3. Prior unreported injuries
- C. Interview witnesses
- D. Document condition of crime scene
- E. Collect physical evidence
- F. Firearms seizure
- G. Identifying at large suspects
- H. Notification of DV or Investigative unit

IV. Report Writing

- A. All DV reports to be documented mandated requirements
 - 1. Document if weapons involved
 - 2. Document drugs or alcohol involved
 - 3. Document prior history / in-house records check/ restraining order info
 - 4. Document that inquiry and/or seizure of weapons occurred
- B. Report writing basics

V. Victim assistance

- A. Right to confidentiality
- B. Right to advocate/support person during interviews

- C. Resource and support information provided
- D. Victim/Witness assistance form provided
- E. Advocate and counselors

VI. Officer Safety

A. Discussion and statistics re: officer homicides responding to domestic violence

VII. Stalking and Strangulation

- A. Understanding the lethality of strangulation
- B. Awareness of the Choking Game
 - 1. Prevalence
 - 2. Signs and symptoms
 - 3. Need for awareness
 - 4. Solutions
- C. Identifying the signs and symptoms of strangulation cases
- D. Anatomy and medical aspects in surviving and non-surviving victims
 - 1. Internal and external signs
 - 2. Review of neck lesions
 - 3. Petechiae
 - 4. Symptoms of laryngeal injury, asphyxia and/or hypoxia
 - 5. Comparison of injuries from surviving and non-surviving strangulation victims
 - 6. Case studies of victims strangled by various method

VIII. Closing and questions