

# TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Expanded Course Outline

COURSE TITLE: Domestic Violence Update

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COURSE LENGTH: 2 Hours

## **Learning Goal and Performance Objective:**

To provide students with updated information in the investigation of domestic violence cases. Information will be provided on the dynamics of family violence, applicable laws, prosecutorial issues, court orders, victim resources, and after sentencing probation resources.

### **I. Pre-Test**

- A. Covering current laws and individual department policies

### **II. Course Introduction**

- A. Instructor Introductions
- B. Course Overview
  - 1. 13519 PC
- C. Domestic Violence Resources

### **III. History of Domestic Violence Victims**

- A. Victims
  - 1. A historical look at how Victims were treated by Law Enforcement and the public
  - 2. A change in laws brought statutory mandates for Law Enforcement

### **IV. Domestic Violence Facts**

- A. Legal Definitions
- B. Statistical Information
  - 1. The Prevalence of Domestic Violence in society

C. Cycle of Violence

1. The pattern of violence and why the victim buys into the abuser's plea for forgiveness
2. Why the abuser blames the victim for the violence

D. The Impact on Children in Domestic Violence Situations

E. Risk Factors and Lethality Assessment

1. Strangulation

**V. Department Policy**

A. TPD Policy 310

1. Officers will learn what the Department's philosophy is on Domestic Violence investigations
2. Officer's responsibility in a Domestic Violence Investigation
  - a. Victim rights and available services
3. Officer Safety Considerations

**VI. Dominant Aggressor**

A. Identifying the dominant aggressor

1. Common identifiers used by patrol to determine who will be arrested
  - a. Dual Arrests

**VII. Domestic Violence Investigations**

A. Proper Documentation of Injuries

B. Collection of Evidence

C. History of Violence

D. Crimes Associated with Domestic Violence

1. How the crimes are determined
  - a. Witness, Victim, Suspect Statements
2. Elements of Crimes and Current Case Law
  - a. Crimes to include PC 136.1, 243(d), 243(e)(1), 261, 273a(b), 273.5, 273.6, 422, 591, 591.5, & 18250

E. Review POST Guidelines for responding to Reports of Domestic Violence

F. Domestic Violence Arrests and Cite & Release policy

G. Victim Assistance

### **VIII. Court Orders**

A. EPO- Emergency Protective Order

1. Based on investigation and Officer's declaration to judge

2. Temporary

B. TRO- Temporary Restraining Order/ Criminal Protective Order

1. Court issued pending an active court case before final disposition

2. Temporary

C. DVRO- Domestic Violence Restraining Order

1. Court issued up to 3 years

D. Verification and Enforcement of Court Orders

### **IX. Report Writing**

A. When an Officer needs to write a report

1. Law and department policy

B. Insufficient Reports

1. Common report writing errors

C. Prosecution

1. Reasons reports are rejected

D. Supplemental Domestic Violence Report Forms

1. Lethality Assessment

2. Strangulation Documentation

### **X. Test**

A. Covering current laws and individual department policies