



**MENIFEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CCN #: 1391-32343
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPDATE – COURSE OUTLINE**

COURSE GOAL:

The purpose of this course is to provide officers with the tools to safely and effectively handle domestic violence situations. The course will provide field officers updated information on domestic violence laws, documentation, restraining orders, and department policy and procedure. The course meets the requirement of 13519 PC for Domestic Violence Update Training every two years.

- I. Domestic Violence Policy
 - A. Review of the policy
 1. Emphasis to SHALL document and arrest responsibilities
 2. Emphasis to revised and new parts of the policy
 - a. DV reporting forms
 - b. Victim confidentially forms
 - c. Victim notification forms
 - B. Court Order update
 1. EPO assessment responsibility of the officer
 2. Full Faith and Credit
 3. Aggressive enforcement
 4. Proof of service
 - C. Handout Domestic Violence Reference Guide
- II. Lethality Assessment
 - A. Document in report
 - B. What to do when there are significant risk factors
 1. Notify supervisors
 2. Supervisor/Watch Commander notify SVU Sgt.
 3. Notify the Victim Services Unit
- III. Strangulation Investigation
 - A. Correct terms for reporting purposes
 1. Strangulation vs. choking
 - B. What occurs during strangulation
 1. Black out
 2. Voiding
 3. Feeling of dying
 4. Numbness in limbs / feeling of paralysis

- 5. Hoarse voice
- C. Evidence collection
 - 1. Clothing or object used
 - 2. Photos
 - 3. Corresponding marks in neck / throat
- D. Statements
 - 1. What went through the victim's mind?
 - 2. Did they fight back? Why / why not?

IV. Children and Domestic Violence

- A. Interaction With Children
 - 1. Officers should locate and identify all children in the home at a domestic violence scene.
 - 2. Officers should list all children in the report (full name and date of birth), who reside at the location, or who are in the home periodically for court ordered visitations, even if they were not interviewed, for eligibility for victim's compensation.
 - 3. Officers should interview all children in the home even if the parents state they didn't observe the incident. Documentation of these interviews should include:
 - a. A description of the child's location;
 - b. A description of child's demeanor; and
 - c. Quotations of statements made by the child.

V. Stalking Investigation

- A. Elements of PC 646.9
- B. Definitions of:
 - 1. Harassment
 - 2. Repeatedly
 - 3. Credible threat
 - 4. Credible Threat Test
 - 5. Safety of victim or immediate family
 - 6. Specific intent
- C. Difference between stalking and criminal threats
- D. Stalking questions to ask

VI. Victim Services

- A. Emergency Assistance to Victims
 - 1. Medical attention;
 - 2. Transportation to a shelter;
 - 3. Transportation to a hospital for treatment when necessary;
 - 4. Police/civil standby for removing personal property; and
 - 5. Assistance in safe passage out of the victim's residence.
- B. Assist Victims in Pursuing Criminal Options
- C. Notice to Victims

1. Notice that despite official restraint of the person alleged to have committed domestic violence, the restrained person may be released from jail at any time.
2. Information about other services in the community, where available, and how to contact them.
3. Information about shelter services and how to contact them.
4. Information about California's victim compensation program, and contact number: 1-800-777-9229.
5. Informing victims of domestic violence that they may ask the district attorney to file a criminal complaint.
6. Informing victims of their right to go to the superior court and file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief:
 - a. Order restraining the attacker from abusing victim and other family members;
 - b. Order directing the attacker to leave the household;
 - c. Order preventing the attacker from entering the residence, school, business, or place of employment of the victim;
 - d. Order awarding the victim or the other parent custody of, or visitation with, a minor child or children;
 - e. Order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim;
 - f. Order directing the party not granted custody to pay support of minor children if that party has a legal obligation to do so;
 - g. Order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments coming due while the order is in effect; or
 - h. Order directing that either or both parties participate in counseling.
7. Inform the victim of the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings and other expenses for injuries sustained, damage to property, and other related expenses incurred by the victim or any agency that shelters the victim.
8. In cases where the alleged violation is of subdivision (e) of PC 243 or Sections 261, 261.5, 262, 273.5, 286, 288a, or 289, a "Victims of Domestic Violence" card shall be provided to the victim that contains, but is not limited to, the following information:
 - a. Names and phone numbers of hotlines for local shelters for battered women and rape victim counseling centers within the county, including those centers specified in PC13837, and the 24-hour counseling service telephone numbers;
 - b. Proper procedures for a victim to follow after sexual assault;

- c. Statement that sexual assault by a person who is known to the victim, including the victim's spouse, is a crime;
 - d. Statement that domestic violence or assault by a person who is known to the victim, including the victim's spouse, is a crime; and
 - e. Statement that protective orders are enforceable in any state, territory, or reservation and information on how to contact agencies in those jurisdictions;
9. Provide information to determine an arrested person's custodial status and release information.

D. Advise Victims of Their Right to Confidentiality

VII. Domestic Violence and Firearms

- A. Explain PC 18250
 - 1. Weapons used / not used
 - 2. Located and/or collected
 - a. Evidence
 - b. Safekeeping
- B. Explain PC 1524

VIII. Method of Assessing Learning Goals and Objectives

- A. Oral exam