Law Enforcement Training: Domestic Violence Intervention and Investigation

Training Agenda

Day One

8:00am – 8:30am  Course Introduction and Overview
- Goals and Objectives
- Introductions

8:30am – 10:00am  Liability for Law Enforcement
- Sample Law Cases
- *48 Hours* video – Failure to Protect
- How to Reduce Risk of Lawsuits
- State Domestic Violence Laws and Liability Statutes

10:00am – 12:00pm  Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- Definition of Domestic Violence
- Power and Control
- Culture and Diversity
- Barriers to a Victim’s Safety
- Impact of Domestic Violence on Children
- Impact of Law Enforcement Response

12:00pm – 1:00pm  Lunch

1:00pm – 2:30pm  Initial Response
- Important Information from Call Taker
- Dangers of Domestic Violence Crimes
- Officer Response and Alternatives to Back-up
- Approaching and Entering the Scene
- Initial Contact

2:30pm – 4:00pm  Interviewing
- Interviewing the Victim
- Interviewing the Suspect
- Interviewing Children
- Interviewing Witnesses

4:00pm – 5:00pm  Evidence Gathering
- Critical Issues to Consider
- Lethality Assessment

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Day Two

8:00am – 10:00am  **Strangulation**
- Strangulation vs. Choking
- Signs and Symptoms
- Danger of Minimization
- Questions to Ask

10:00am – 12:00pm  **Arrest Decision**
- Determining the Predominant Aggressor
- Establishing Probably Cause
- Factors Not to Include in the Arrest Decision
- High Profile Offenders
- Arrest Laws

12:00pm – 1:00pm  **Lunch**

1:00pm – 3:30pm  **State and Federal Legal Issues and Definitions**
- Evidence-Based Prosecution
- Rules of Evidence
- Protection Orders
- Federal Legal Definitions
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
  - Full Faith and Credit
  - Crossing State Lines
  - Entering and Leaving Indian Country
  - Battered Immigrant Women
  - Victims’ Rights Laws
- Firearms Provisions and the Lautenberg Amendment

3:30pm – 4:30pm  **Solutions**
- Exercise

4:30pm – 5:00pm  **Closing**

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