

MPD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACT SHEET

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) advocates reducing the number of incidences and severity of intrafamily violence through a combination of law enforcement intervention and community services. The policy of the MPD is to provide assistance and protection to victims and witnesses of intrafamily offenses. Members shall effect mandatory and/or warrantless arrests in accordance with the DC Official Code and enforce intrafamily offense laws in cooperation with other jurisdictions.

Current Trends and Scope of the Problem

Our current statistics are based almost entirely on domestic violence calls to MPD (including a very small number of calls to the Telephone Reporting Unit (13 calls total between 2000-2003). A call for service is any call that requires some sort of police action. This category includes:

1. Calls for domestic violence
2. Domestic violence assault
3. Domestic violence incident

DV-related calls per day (calendar year)

2000: approximately 17 DV-related calls per day

2001: approximately 20 DV-related calls per day

2002: approximately 25 DV-related calls per day

2003: approximately 28 DV-related calls per day

Total DV-related calls per calendar year

2000: 6,269 total DV-related calls

2001: 7,141 total DV-related calls

2002: 9,045 total DV-related calls

2003: 10,215 total DV-related calls

Total DV-related calls per calendar year with a case number for a report

2000: 2,549 of these DV-related calls (40.7%) were issued a case number for a report

2001: 3,369 of these DV-related calls (47.2%) were issued a case number for a report

2002: 4,609 of these DV-related calls (51.0%) were issued a case number for a report

2003: 5,557 of these DV-related calls (54.4%) were issued a case number for a report

- Of the 7,449 unique addresses with calls for domestic violence in FY 2004 (October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004), 963 (12.9%) had three or more calls during this time period.

HOW WE WORK?

When we respond to call for service we make every effort to interview the complainant/victim - if they are on the scene.

We conduct the investigation to establish probable cause to determine that the law has been broken or if a suspect has violated a Temporary Protection Order (TPO), a Civil Protection Order (CPO), or a Foreign Protection Order - with the goal of arresting the perpetrator.

We provide victims follow-up information about the process and referral information to other agencies that can provide additional assistance.

If an arrest is not made on the scene by the patrol officer, the case is referred to our district investigation unit for a follow-up investigation.

DV EFFORTS & INITIATIVES

Violence Against Women Advisory Group

The MPD Violence Against Women Advisory Group (VAWA) was assembled to establish an ongoing partnership between victim advocates and the MPD on violence against women issues. The goal of the group is to enhance MPD's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The advisory group has been meeting quarterly since November 2002. The group develops collaborative efforts to impact domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, from a law enforcement and community perspective, with the goal of improving the services to victims.

Community Outreach & Education

In an ongoing effort to raise the awareness and educate the community and outside government agencies in regard to the dynamics of domestic violence and available resources, MPD partnered with other District Government agencies and victim advocacy groups to participate in and/or sponsored 31 community outreach events and training in 2004.

Some of the agencies and victim advocacy groups include the District's Child Support Enforcement Division, WEAVE, Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency, My Sister's Place, University of the District of Columbia, D.C. Superior Court, American University, Park Police, D.C. Coalition for Domestic Violence, Mayor's Citizens Summit, John Hopkins University, MPD's Youth Advisory Council, and members of the Faith-Based Community.

In 2004, MPD added a domestic violence information Link to the MPD Website. The Link provides the viewers with an overview of the dynamics domestic violence, safety information, available resources, contact information for the district domestic violence investigators, civil protection order and temporary protection order information, and information about the D.C. Superior Court Domestic Violence Intake Centers. The domestic violence information is located on the MPD Website at www.MPDC.DC.GOV/about/units/DVU/DVU.SHTM.

MPD wrote 2 news articles that were featured in the East of the River Community Newspaper, and the Breaking the Silence East of the River Newsletter. *created DVU Brochure*

D.C. Superior Court Domestic Violence Intake Centers

The DVIC is a collaborative project of governmental and non-governmental agencies designed to provide coordinated services to survivors of domestic violence in the District of Columbia. These agencies are the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE), Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP), Legal Aid Society, Ramona's Way, Center for Child Protection/Victim Service Center, D.C. Coalitions Against Domestic Violence (DCCADV) (Victim Advocacy), and the D.C. Superior Court Clerk's Office.

The DVIC provides a single access point for victims of domestic violence by conducting intake evaluations, providing counseling, safety planning, assisting victims in drafting pleadings and other documents necessary for acquisition of protective orders, and **free** legal representation.

The Domestic Violence Intake Centers are open Monday through Friday, (except holidays) between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and are located at:

D.C. Superior Court
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Suite 4235
(202) 879-0152

Greater Southeast Community Hospital
1328 Southern Avenue, S.E. Suite 311
(202) 561-3000

Policy

MPD has model policy/procedures directive for Intra-family Offense Incidents – developed in collaboration with the VAWA Advisory Group.

Training

MPD recognizes the importance of providing training to their members to carry out their responsibilities in an effective and knowledgeable way and in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of victims. MPD has worked collaboratively with community-based advocates to design and deliver various types of training including; Specialized Training for DV Investigators, Teen Dating Violence Training for School Resource Officers and DV Investigators, Training for Call-takers/Dispatchers on Handling DV Calls, Roll Call Video – First Response in Working with Battered Immigrants, In-Service Training for FY 2004/2005. *RIC TRAINING*

Materials

Developed *Domestic Violence: A Handbook for Victims* - with My Sister's Place. Available in both English and Spanish. *DV Brochure*

Programs

Secured VAWA funding to develop a system based advocacy program for sexual assault and domestic violence. The DV Victim Specialist will be working in PSA 703 & 706 and the SA Victim Specialist will work with the Sexual Assault Unit.

MPD United States Attorneys Criminal Investigative Unit (USA CIU)

The MPD CIU was established in December 2003, and is comprised of 5 MPD Investigators, 1 MPD Sergeant and the United States Attorneys Office (USAO) CIU. The purpose of the MPD CIU is to reduce the amount of funds spent on court overtime and support the USAO in post arrest investigations involving violent crimes such as assaults, robbery, sexual assaults, and domestic violence. Additionally, the MPD CIU assist the USAO in the Rapid Indictment Process and Papering (RIP), assist MPD detectives in canvassing scenes involving violent crimes, and testify in Grand Jury on behalf of other patrol officers and detectives to reduce court cost.

MPD regularly assist the Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency with Home Visits for the parolees that were involved in domestic violence cases.

District Detectives Domestic Violence Cases for 2004

First District

Total Cases -724

Open Cases – 67 56 Open Warrants on File

Closed Cases – 1215

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 1130

Seventh District

Total Cases –1745

Open Cases – 41 41 Open Warrants on File

Closed Cases – 655

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 579

**Approximately 20-25% arrests are made by patrol units.*

D.C. Superior Court Domestic Violence Intake Centers Stats for 2004

Reports taken – 89

Warrants – 67 Approved 22 Declined

The Crime Victims Compensation Program is available in both centers.

MPD Civil Protection & Temporary Protection Unit (CPO/TPO) Stats for 2004

The CPO/TPO Unit received a total of 3532 CPO/TPO' s for service. The unit was able to locate and serve 1721 subjects. The remaining packages were returned to D.C. Superior Court and the originating jurisdiction for additional information or service.

5 Warrants Pending at the USAO
3 New Cases
3 Unable to Contact the Complainant

Closed Cases – 655

Unfounded – 2

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 106

Second District

Total Cases -94

Open Cases – 6 6 Open Warrants on File

Closed Cases – 88

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 94

Third District

Total Cases -480

Open Cases – 67 108 Open Warrants on File
3 Warrants Pending at the USAO

Closed Cases – 300 32 Closed by Second Sightings or other means
268 Closed by Patrol

Unfounded – 11

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 257

Fourth District

Total Cases –714 (including PSA Arrest)

Total Assigned to Detectives Office – 418

Open Cases – 52 52 Open Warrants on File

Closed Cases – 662

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 662

Fifth District

Total Cases –572

Open Cases – 11

Closed Cases – 561

Crime Victim Compensation Packages Sent to Complainants - 447

Sixth District

Total Cases –1349

Open Cases – 134 134 Open Warrants on File