

## **Welcome to our survey!**

**The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic violence is assessing current strengths, gaps and areas for potential growth in practices, policies and protocols that promote the safety and security of domestic violence victims in our state.**

**Survey Purpose:** This survey was designed as one component of a statewide needs assessment that examines our strengths, needs and potential areas for development and/or enhancement in practices and policies/protocols for ensuring the accountability of domestic violence offenders and safety and security of domestic violence victims. It focuses on three main topics: (1) training, (2) collaborative endeavors and (3) policies and protocols.

**Number of Questions and Length of Time:** This survey has a total of 13 questions and will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If you are unable to complete the survey in one sitting, you can save your completed responses by clicking next at the end of the page and then return to complete the survey at another time.

**Requested by:** We ask that you please complete this survey by October 10th, 2016

**Follow up:** Once all surveys are completed, the data will be analyzed and a final report will be written. The highlights from this report will be widely shared and a link to the final report will be available on the LCADV website.

**If you have any questions about this survey please email [rhonda.evans@lcadv.org](mailto:rhonda.evans@lcadv.org) or call Rhonda Evans at 225-753-1296.**

Agency Information I

\* 1. Which type of law enforcement agency do you represent?

- City
- Sheriff
- State, non-university
- University
- Other (please specify)

**Agency Information II**

**2. Parish where your agency is located:**

**3. City where your agency is located:**

**Agency Information III**

**4. Which university police department do you represent?**

Other (please specify)

## Training I

\* 5. How many of your officers, who respond to domestic violence incidents, have received training on the following topics?

	All	Most	Some	Few	None
Basic Domestic Violence 101	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Determining primary/predominate aggressor in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Why dual arrest is typically inappropriate in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing the risk of offender reoffense in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing the likelihood that offender poses a serious threat to the victim in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing for self-defense in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strangulation in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Firearms restrictions in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence offenders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Constructing an evidence based case that does not require victim testimony in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	All	Most	Some	Few	None
The need to document the ongoing patterned behavior of the abuse in police reports on domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The benefits of inter-agency collaboration to ensure victim safety and decrease the frequency and lethality in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discussing options for restraining orders with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informing domestic violence victims of their rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The services that are offered by the non-profit domestic violence programs in the area and how they can access these services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 6. How helpful would the following training topics be for aiding your officers in ensuring accountability of offenders and safety and empowerment of victims, in domestic violence cases.**

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very Helpful
Basic Domestic Violence 101	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Determining primary/predominate aggressor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Why dual arrest is typically inappropriate in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing the risk of offender reoffense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing the likelihood that offender poses a serious threat to the victim	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessing for self-defense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strangulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Firearms restrictions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence offenders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Constructing an evidence based case that does not require victim testimony	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The need to document the ongoing patterned behavior of the abuse in police reports on domestic violence cases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The benefits of inter-agency collaboration to ensure victim safety and decrease the frequency and lethality in domestic violence cases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discussing options for restraining orders with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informing domestic violence victims of their rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The services that are offered by the non-profit domestic violence programs in the area and how they can access these services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Training II

### 7. How likely would your officers be to attend the following types of training on domestic violence?

	Not likely at all	Somewhat likely	Very likely
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies in your city	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies in your parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies from across the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Webinars - online trainings that can be completed at the officers convenience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Webinars - online trainings on specific times and dates that allow officers to interact with trainers and other trainees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 8. Would your agency be interested in having one officer trained extensively on domestic violence issues, who could then train other officers in your agency?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No



## Collaborative Endeavors I

### \* 9. Does anyone from your agency engage in the following?

	Yes	No
Serve on domestic violence task force in your service area.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working with other criminal justice agencies to develop inter-agency policies and/or procedures for handling domestic violence cases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working with non-profit domestic violence agencies in your service area to develop inter-agency policies and procedures for handling domestic violence cases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working regularly with other criminal justice agency representatives to address areas of concern that undermine the safety and empowerment of domestic violence victims.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working regularly with non-profit domestic violence programs in your service area to address areas of concern that undermine the safety and empowerment of domestic violence victims.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working regularly with other criminal justice agencies on domestic violence case management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Yes

No

Working regularly with non-profit domestic violence programs in your service area on domestic violence case management.

If you answered yes to any of the question above, please provide a name and contact information for the person who could provide more specific information.

**10. Are any coordinated community response teams operating in your service area to ensure that inter-agency policies, procedures, and practices hold domestic violence offenders accountable, while promoting the safety and empowerment of domestic violence victims?**

Yes

No

**11. Evidence confirms that the most effective way to ensure offender accountability and victim safety, is to develop coordinated community response teams that promote best practices in managing domestic violence cases. If a coordinated community response team were being formed in your service area, would your agency be willing and able to take part in such an initiative?**

Yes

Maybe

No

Please list the name and contact information for the person who would likely represent your agency if a coordinated community response team were forming?

## Agency Policies/Protocols

### 12. Does your agency have domestic violence specific policies/protocols/written guidelines on the following topics?

	Yes	No
How to handle cases where the offender is gone-on-arrival	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to make arrest decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to respond to strangulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to respond to stalking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to respond to children in domestic violence-related calls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How defense attorneys read domestic violence-related reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How prosecutors read domestic violence-related reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to respond to persons with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The importance of engaging with victims in a supportive and respectful manner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring victim confidentiality in reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to handle incidents when the alleged offender is an employee of your agency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to handle incidents that involve public figures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducting investigations in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

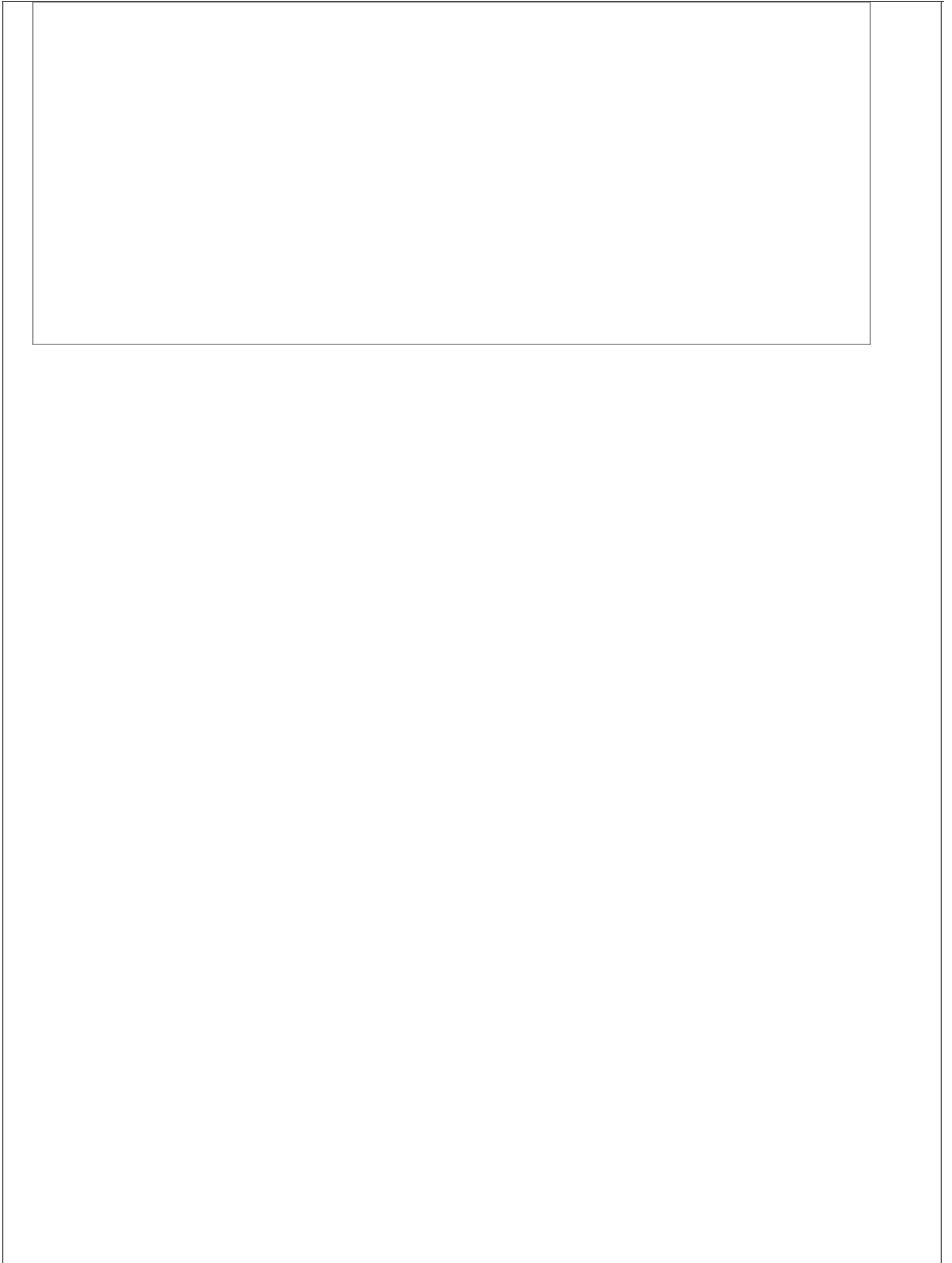
	Yes	No
Supervising investigations in Domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Documenting and reporting inmates attempts to influence the victim's participation in a case	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Notifying victims of the inmates release, conditions of release and future court appearances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requiring prompt warrant service in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handling court house security in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Handling 911 calls from domestic violence incidents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. Would your agency be interested in receiving any technical assistance with developing domestic violence specific policies/protocols/written guidelines on the following topics?**

	Yes	No
How to handle cases where the offender is gone-on-arrival	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to make arrest decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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How defense attorneys read domestic violence-related reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Additional Comments:



**Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses are very important!**