



San Francisco SafeStart Initiative Advisory Council Learning Presentation on Law Enforcement Summary of Survey Results (N=19)

The SafeStart Advisory Council held its first learning presentation for 2003 on January 17th. The presentation was conducted by Lt. Shannon McNally from the Domestic Violence Response Unit, San Francisco Police Department. Thirty-one council members attended the learning presentation. At the end of the presentation, 19 attendees (61%) filled out an evaluation survey.

The evaluation survey was divided into four sections: Content, Presentation Components, Overall Impressions, and Comments for Future Training. It included six statements that rated respondents' knowledge on a scale of five from "Very little" to "A lot" and six statements that were rated on a 4-point scale of 'Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor.' This report provides a summary of the results from the 19 Council members who completed the evaluation survey.

Key Findings

1. More than four-fifths of respondents indicated that they learned "a lot" about the different kinds of factors police consider during a lethality assessment (89%) and the role of law enforcement in domestic violence cases (83%).
2. In general, respondents were pleased with the quality of information presented, with 18 of 19 respondents rating "good" or "excellent." Respondents were similarly satisfied with the overall quality of the training, with 15 of 16 respondents selecting "good" or "excellent."
3. Seven respondents expressed that they would like additional materials or handouts on the presentation, and five respondents indicated that they would like more information as well as materials on safety planning.

| CONTENT | Number of participants who rated: | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | A little (1-2) | Some (3) | A lot (4-5) | N | Mean Score |
| How much did this presentation make you more aware of: | | | | | |
| The steps involved in a police response during a domestic violence case. | 0 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 4.00 |
| The role of law enforcement in a domestic violence case. | 0 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 4.06 |
| The behavioral and emotional consequences of victim trauma. | 5 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 3.24 |
| How the police assists with safety planning of domestic violence victims. | 2 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 3.72 |
| What factors are taken into consideration in a lethality assessment. | 0 | 2 | 16 | 18 | 4.00 |

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|--|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|----|------------|
| | A little (1-2) | Some (3) | A lot (4-5) | N | Mean Score |
| How much did this presentation make you more aware of: | | | | | |
| The skills police utilize when talking with and interviewing children exposed to violence. | 1 | 3 | 14 | 18 | 3.89 |

* Please note that one participant did not respond to any of the above statements.

| PRESENTATION COMPONENTS: Please rate the following: | Number of participants who rated: | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----------|----|------------|
| | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | N | Mean Score |
| How the presenter delivered the information to you (organization, style, preparation, enthusiasm, etc.) | 0 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 19 | 2.89 |
| The amount of time allotted for this learning presentation | 0 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 19 | 3.11 |
| The quality of information presented | 0 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 19 | 3.26 |
| The quality of visual aids and handouts* | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 1.73 |
| OVERALL IMPRESSIONS: | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | N | Mean Score |
| The overall quality of the training | 0 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 16 | 3.19 |
| The session's usefulness/applicability for my work | 0 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 3.31 |

* No handouts were included in the presentation. Seven participants marked 'NA' for this question.

| FUTURE NEEDS: Please mark the corresponding circle if you would like: | Number of participants who selected: | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | The role of Law Enforcement | What to consider in a safety plan |
| Additional information on... | 4 | 5 |
| Additional training on... | 2 | 4 |
| Additional materials or handouts on... | 7 | 5 |

Request for materials or handouts

- Would like to have a one-page handout on the steps to obtaining a restraining order.
- Would like additional materials or handouts on forms and written protocols.
- Please hand out presentation materials. It will be useful for our organization.
- One participant wanted to know more details about the kind of lethality assessment used by the Police.

Other comments

- Very informative
- Question period was very good! Thanks.
- Having directly served the victims of domestic violence- most of the law enforcers do not or have not performed the right way – for example, the safety of the victim is not being met.
- The information was great but it would've been better if it were presented and not read. It is wonderful to see the commitment from the department.
- Not as easy to integrate information when presenter reads information to the audience. [Have a] discussion or description, talking instead of reading out information.