

## **IACP RESOURCES**

### **Action Agenda for Community Organizations and Law Enforcement to Enhance the Response to Hate Crimes**

These action items help to break down barriers and strengthen trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, enhancing the prevention, reporting, investigation, and successful prosecution of hate crimes.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/action-agenda-for-community-organizations-and-law-enforcement-to-enhance-the>

### **Balancing the Scales of Justice Webinar Series**

This webinar series outlines what gender bias is, its impacts on domestic and sexual violence investigations, and strategies for leaders to identify and address it within their agencies.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/webinar/balancing-the-scales-of-justice-webinar-series>

### **Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women: Policy and Program Development Webinar**

This webinar presents information about the creation or update of body-worn camera policies and programs—highlighting the considerations specific to intimate partner violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/webinar/body-worn-cameras-and-violence-against-women-policy-and-program-development>

### **Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women: Victim Safety and Confidentiality Webinar**

This webinar presents information about balancing victim safety and confidentiality with officer safety and accountability. It highlights safety and confidentiality issues that should

be considered as body-worn camera programs are created or updated, including video release, retention, and viewing.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/webinar/body-worn-cameras-and-violence-against-women-victim-safety-and-confidentiality>

### **Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women: Vulnerable Populations and Community Trust Webinar**

This webinar presents information about body-worn camera program development and considerations when responding to immigrants, individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, minors, and other vulnerable populations.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/webinar/body-worn-cameras-and-violence-against-women-vulnerable-populations-and-community>

### **Collaborative Reform Initiative-Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)**

In partnership with the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and nine other leading law enforcement agencies, CRI-TAC provides customized training and technical assistance to state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus agencies throughout the United States. These services are delivered at no cost to law enforcement agencies. Built to meet diverse needs, the CRI-TAC works to develop solutions specifically tailored to agencies, allowing them to play an active role in the problem-solving process.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/collaborative-reform-initiative-technical-assistance-center-cri-tac>

## **Combating Child Sex Trafficking: A Guide for Law Enforcement Leaders**

This guide aims to assist law enforcement leaders in adopting effective multidisciplinary approaches to address child sex trafficking in their communities. This guide describes the crime of child sex trafficking, the challenges in combating child sex trafficking, essential steps for law enforcement leaders to take in their jurisdictions, partners who can help law enforcement, and successful multidisciplinary practices in communities around the country.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/combating-child-sex-trafficking-a-guide-for-law-enforcement-leaders>

## **The Crime of Human Trafficking Training Roll-Call Video Series**

Human trafficking is a global phenomenon and a fast-growing crime. This three-part roll-call training video provides law enforcement and their partners with information to help effectively identify and respond to human trafficking crimes. The first part defines human trafficking; the second part discusses methods of identifying and responding to human trafficking; and the third part illustrates human trafficking investigation and interviewing techniques

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/video/the-crime-of-human-trafficking-roll-call-training-video>

## **Domestic Violence Model Policy**

An effective law enforcement response to domestic violence must include the adoption of a comprehensive policy that is a priority for the agency, is consistently applied, supports victims, and holds perpetrators accountable—whether they are community members or police officers. Any comprehensive policy must be part of a developed, coordinated community infrastructure and response that provides support to maximize victim and officer safety and implements sanctions against perpetrators. These documents include guidelines to responding to domestic violence by police

officers and guidance in the establishment of priorities, procedures, and guidelines.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/domestic-violence>

## **Domestic Violence Roll-Call Videos**

This video series was developed to present law enforcement and partners with information to strengthen the response to victims of domestic violence. This video highlights the realities and complexities of domestic violence and provides strategies for effective investigations. A training and discussion facilitation guide is also available.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/video/the-crime-of-domestic-violence-roll-call-video>

## **Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma**

Police are in an ideal position to both identify and initiate the process of recovery for children and families traumatized by violence. This toolkit provides resources and tools necessary to equip law enforcement professionals in their vital role in helping children and families through identification and trauma-informed response to violent events. When prepared with training and tools, police officers are in a stronger position to protect and serve the community.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/enhancing-law-enforcement-response-to-children-exposed-to-violence-and-childhood-trauma>

## **Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

The Department of Justice released a guidance document for U.S. law enforcement titled [Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence](#) to assist agencies in their efforts to reduce sexual and domestic violence in their communities and to strengthen agency response to victims. The IACP is implementing two project initiatives based on the recommendations

of this guidance: (1) Enhancing Community Trust: Proactive Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence and (2) Integrity, Action, and Justice: Strengthening Law Enforcement Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence.

<https://www.theiacp.org/gender-bias>

- ▶ **Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias Infographic** – This infographic outlines key concepts central to understanding the intersection of gender bias and response to gender-based violence, such as sexual violence, domestic/intimate partner violence, and stalking.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/addressing-and-preventing-gender-bias-infographic>

## Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role

The population of Americans 65 years or older continues to grow. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging estimates that, by 2040, this segment of the population will represent approximately 21.7 percent of the total population. Law enforcement will benefit from extensive training, tools, and strategies to confront the evolving types of crime committed against this segment of the population. The IACP, in collaboration with PAE and the Elder Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice, is addressing these needs through the development of a six-part roll call video series to enable law enforcement to better identify signs of elder abuse and recognize evidence that can lead to the successful prosecution of criminals. An Excel-based financial investigative tool is also available to help identify patterns of exploitation and develop graphic representations of suspected criminal activity.

<https://www.theiacp.org/elder-abuse>

## Interactions with Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Model Policy

Law enforcement personnel should be trained to recognize persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), treat people with I/DD with dignity and respect, utilize de-escalation protocols when appropriate, and seek alternatives to physical custody whenever possible. These documents provide law enforcement officers with guidelines for appropriately accommodating, interacting, and communicating with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities>

## Interactions with Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals Accessible online to IACP members only.

This is a stand-alone document designed to explore the primary issues surrounding law enforcement interactions with transgender and gender-nonconforming (T/GNC) individuals. This document reinforces the overall tenet of policing that all members of the public shall be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of the individual's gender identity, expression, or other individual demographics.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/transgender>

## Intimate Partner Violence Response Policy and Training Content Guidelines

This document provides essential background material, supporting details, and suggested elements on intimate partner violence in order to support agency development of comprehensive training content and policy. It addresses investigative procedures and promising practices for working with victims of intimate partner violence.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/intimate-partner-violence-response-policy-and-training-content-guidelines>

## **Investigating Child Abuse Model Policy** **Accessible online to IACP members only.**

Child abuse and neglect have been traditionally regarded as the principal responsibility of child protective services and social welfare agencies. However, research has demonstrated that a large percentage of repeat offenses, many of which involve serious injury or death, involve known offenders. Effective response to child maltreatment requires cooperative and coordinated efforts between social welfare and law enforcement agencies.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/child-abuse>

## **Investigation of Hate Crimes Model Policy**

**Accessible online to IACP members only.**

Any acts or threats of violence, property damage, harassment, intimidation, or other crimes motivated by hate and bias and designed to infringe upon the rights of individuals should be viewed very seriously by law enforcement agencies and should be considered a high priority. Also, recognizing the particular fears and distress typically suffered by victims, the potential for reprisal and escalation of violence, and the far-reaching negative consequences of these crimes on the community, agencies should be mindful of and responsive to the security concerns of victims and their families. These documents establish guidelines for identifying and investigating hate crimes and assisting victimized individuals and communities. A swift and strong response by law enforcement can help stabilize and calm the community as well as aid in a victim's recovery.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/hate-crimes>

## **Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services (LEV)**

The IACP is proud to serve as the training and technical assistance provider for the Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services and Technical Assistance Program (LEV Program). Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, this project seeks to establish or enhance victim services programs in criminal justice agencies in order to couple law enforcement-based services with community-based program partnerships to serve the broader needs and rights of all crime victims. Resources include webinars, publications, and template packages focused on victims' rights, program development, documentation, developing partnerships, and program sustainability.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/law-enforcement-based-victim-services-lev>

## **Law Enforcement-Researcher Collaborative Partnerships Model Policy and Concepts & Issues Paper**

These documents provide guidance on establishing collaborative partnerships between an agency and researchers or research institutions that often extend beyond a single research project. Law enforcement personnel have an obligation to review and understand the essential aspects of proposed research and its potential impact on resources and operations.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/research-partnerships>

## **Law Enforcement's Role in Victim Compensation**

Law enforcement provides a critical connection between the justice system and victim support services, ensuring that victims know about all available resources. IACP has created resources that include training videos for first responders, investigators, and executive leadership; companion

guides to accompany each video and guide discussions; tip cards for law enforcement; and more.

<https://www.theiacp.org/LE-Role-in-Victim-Compensation>

## Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Law enforcement agencies are shaken to the core with the death of one of their own. The response is even more complex when that death comes at the officer's own hand. IACP has long recognized an urgent, ongoing need for leadership on the issue of employee suicide prevention and awareness. This collection of resources aims to prevent officer suicide and promote awareness.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/law-enforcement-suicide-prevention-and-awareness>

## National Forum on Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women

These documents compile the deliberations and considerations of the IACP National Forum on Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women, a multidisciplinary, national forum on creating effective victim-centered, body-worn camera policies and programs for law enforcement.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/national-forum-on-body-worn-cameras-and-violence-against-women>

## National Law Enforcement Leadership Initiative on Violence Against Women

This initiative provides training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies, executives, and first-line supervisors to assist them in developing proactive strategies to enhance their response to violence against women crimes.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/national-law-enforcement-leadership-initiative-on-violence-against-women>

## National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

The IACP is proud to serve as a partner to RTI International on the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). This initiative is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and supports the jurisdictional reform of approaches to sexual assault cases resulting from evidence found in previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs). As a project partner, the IACP lends an important voice toward identifying and developing practices, procedures, and training to enhance victim-centered approaches to sexual assault. The overarching aims of SAKI are to create a coordinated community response that ensures just resolution to sexual assault cases through (1) a comprehensive and victim-centered approach; (2) jurisdictional capacity building to prevent unsubmitted SAKs in the future; and (3) supporting the investigation and prosecution of cases for which SAKs were previously unsubmitted.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/sexual-assault-kit-initiative>

- ▶ Additional resources including SAKI Virtual Academy, SAKI Toolkit, and multiple SAKI webinars are available at <https://sakitta.org>

## Officer Safety and Wellness Resources

This collection of resources has been compiled to support the safety, health, and wellness of every officer, of any rank, from recruitment through retirement both on and off the job. Support for officer safety is crucial for the well-being of officers and their colleagues, agencies, families, and communities. This collection covers a wide variety of topics ranging from health and nutrition to suicide prevention.

<https://www.theiacp.org/topics/officer-safety-wellness>

## **Officer Safety Considerations for Domestic Violence Calls**

This webinar examines the officer safety considerations that arise when responding to a domestic violence call. It examines the complexities and challenges that officers may face when interacting with offenders, victims, and witnesses; identifies tactics and protocols for increasing officer, victim, and civilian safety; and presents quantitative research and case studies to demonstrate the possible dangers of responding to and managing on-scene investigations of domestic violence calls.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/webinar/officer-safety-considerations-for-domestic-violence-calls>

## **Policy Summit: What Do Victims Want? Effective Strategies to Achieve Justice for Victims of Crime**

Police are uniquely positioned to assume a leadership role in promoting victim rights and servicing their needs. Police 911 dispatchers and responding officers are the first justice system representatives that most victims of crime encounter. Accordingly, police have a special opportunity to begin to repair the harm done by crime.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/policy-summit-what-do-victims-want-effective-strategies-to-achieve-justice-for>

## **Practices in Modern Policing**

The Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative was launched to provide evaluations and technical support to 15 law enforcement agencies that are diverse in size, location, and other characteristics. The insights and lessons learned from this program have been published as part of the Practices in Modern Policing series. These reports offer guidance to the field for advancing practices and policies in specific aspects of community policing.

Topics include:

- ▶ Community Participation and Leadership
- ▶ Officer Safety and Wellness
- ▶ Police-Youth Engagement
- ▶ Policing in Small, Rural, and Tribal Communities
- ▶ Serving Vulnerable Populations

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/practices-in-modern-policing>

## **Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence: A Law Enforcement Officer's Guide to Enforcing Orders of Protection Nationwide**

Federal law directs jurisdictions to give full faith and credit to valid orders of protection issued by other jurisdictions (Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) [18 U.S.C. § 2265-66]). This document provides guidance to officers on enforcing these orders of protection.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/protecting-victims-of-domestic-violence-a-law-enforcement-officers-guide-to>

## **Report Review Checklists**

The crimes of violence against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, strangulation, and stalking, are complex and can pose challenges to responding officers. Oftentimes, significant details are missed and necessary elements to document these crimes are left out of reports. In order to support law enforcement first-line supervisors as they review reports, the IACP created five violence against women Report Review Checklists:

- ▶ **Response to Stalking** - <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/response-to-stalking-report-review-checklist>
- ▶ **Response to Sexual Assault** - <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/response-to-sexual-assault-report-review-checklist>

- ▶ **Response to Domestic Violence** - <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/response-to-domestic-violence-report-review-checklist>
- ▶ **Response to Non-Lethal Strangulation** - <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/response-to-non-lethal-strangulation-report-review-checklist>
- ▶ **Response to Protection Order Violations** - <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/response-to-protection-order-violations-report-review-checklist>

### **Response to Victims of Crime Model Policy, Concepts & Issues Paper, and Need to Know Summary**

An effective response to the needs of crime victims is an integral part of the law enforcement mission. As first responders, law enforcement personnel are uniquely positioned to provide trauma-informed care and support to victims of crime as required by law. This essential function, performed by both sworn and professional personnel, should address victims' needs by establishing a continuum of support and resources as victims' progress through the various phases of the criminal justice process. Agencies should develop policies and procedures to recognize and address the needs and rights of crime victims during each contact; support, provide access to resources, and assist victims as they continue to interact with the criminal justice system; and act as a liaison to appropriate victim assistance and service agencies. This collection of documents aims to assist in policy building.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/victims>

### **Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities: Law Enforcement Strategies and Considerations**

Drawing from promising practices and innovative initiatives of law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, this document is of particular importance to building and sustaining trust and relationships with LGBTQ+ communities. It highlights strategies for implementing effective department-wide response to proactively address and prevent sexual violence in LGBTQ+ communities.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/responding-to-sexual-violence-in-lgbtq-communities-law-enforcement-strategies-and>

### **Sexual Assault Incident Reports: Investigative Strategies**

These guidelines support officers and departments in preparing sexual assault cases for successful prosecution through detailed case documentation and thorough investigations.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/sexual-assault-incident-reports-investigative-strategies>

- ▶ **Pocket Tip Card** - This pocket tip card for officers is a convenient, portable resource to accompany the IACP's Sexual Assault Incident Reports: Investigative Strategies. It provides tips on writing reports, conducting investigations, and interviewing victims and suspects of sexual assault. <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/sexual-assault-incident-reports-pocket-tip-card>

## **Sexual Assault Policy and Training Content Guidelines**

This document includes procedure and policy recommendations that address various levels of law enforcement response from dispatch to supervisors, as well as collaborating with community partners. Additionally, these guidelines present training curriculum content that should accompany the implementation of a new or updated sexual assault policy in order to ensure that officers understand the complex nature of these crimes.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/sexual-assault-response-policy-and-training-content-guidelines>

## **Sexual Assault Response Roll-Call Video**

IACP's sexual assault roll-call training video "Bringing Sexual Assault Offenders to Justice" was developed to help officers generate stronger cases by reframing sexual assault crimes, providing tools to conduct perpetrator focused investigations, and building an understanding of victim behavior. The video is in three parts.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/video/bringing-sexual-assault-offenders-to-justice-roll-call-training-video>

## **Sexual Assault Supplemental Report Form**

This document is intended to be used for the reporting, recording, and investigation of all sexual assault incidents. The form supports the comprehensive documentation of information and evidence relevant to sexual assault cases to better support victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/sexual-assault-supplemental-report-form>

## **Stalking Model Policy**

**Accessible online to IACP members only.**

When responding to and investigating reports of stalking, the initial response should be proactive in gathering information that permits the victim's circumstances to be considered in context with the behavior of the suspect. Additionally, the response should include evidence collection and a victim threat assessment. These documents provide information on the scope and nature of stalking, its primary characteristics, and measures that can be taken to assist victims and identify perpetrators.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/policy-center-resource/stalking>

## **Toolkit: Child Sex Trafficking: A Training Series for Frontline Officers**

This training series aims to educate frontline officers on how to recognize and respond to victims of child sex trafficking.

<https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/toolkit-child-sex-trafficking-a-training-series-for-frontline-officers>

## **Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigation Training**

This training provides law enforcement and multidisciplinary community partners with information on the neurobiology of trauma and investigative strategies to respond to sexual assault crimes in a victim-centered, trauma-informed manner.

<https://www.theiacp.org/projects/trauma-informed-sexual-assault-investigation-training>