



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE ELERV STRATEGY, 2ND EDITION

Transcript

The IACP is proud to present the 2nd edition of The Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims Strategy, or as we call it, the ELERV Strategy. The ELERV Strategy materials are broken down into sections, including an introduction and four sections highlighting each of the four core principles of ELERV, leadership, partnering, training, and performance monitoring.

Materials are presented using videos, foundational documents, and linked resources. You will find valuable information in every section, so we encourage you to take time to explore. This video can help you get started!

Before we get into the strategy itself, What exactly is ELERV? The overall goal of the ELERV Strategy is to create an agency-wide philosophical shift that concentrates on identifying and responding to victims' needs. Federal, state, local, campus, and tribal law enforcement leaders are introduced to the concepts and benefits of enhancing their response to victims of all crimes. The Strategy emphasizes that every person working in a law enforcement agency has a role in victim response. Agencies can start small and build over time. The strategy is customizable to any agency and encourages implementation across all ranks and disciplines.

For those of you who are new to the ELERV Strategy and its concepts, the Introduction to the ELERV Strategy video is a great place to start. This video provides an overview of the key concepts and benefits of implementation. Subsequent videos highlight each of the four core

principles of the ELERV Strategy including Leadership, Partnering, Training, and Performance Monitoring. You will hear directly from demonstration site teams about the successes and challenges they experienced during implementation. In addition to providing basic information about the ELERV Strategy, these videos are great for establishing buy-in from leadership, internal staff, community partners, and other stakeholders. Short enough to be watched during rollcalls and meetings, these videos are designed to make the Strategy accessible and easy to understand in a short amount of time.

Next, we encourage you to explore the foundational documents. These documents provide step-by-step guidance for implementing the ELERV Strategy. Structured around the four core principles, the foundational documents contain detailed information about the thought processes behind the strategy, tips and examples from demonstration site teams, and links to resources that can further assist agencies working to enhance the response to victims in their communities.

Each section includes links to multiple resources embedded within the text. There are three different types of resources: *IACP Resources*, *Resources from the Field*, and *ELERV Resources*. These will help you get the most out of the ELERV Strategy without having to start from scratch.

First, we have *IACP Resources*. As you might have guessed from the title, these are resources produced by the IACP. While each resource is not specific to the ELERV Strategy, all of these resources support victim-centered policing and can be used during implementation. An

example of an IACP resource is the IACP Response to Victims of Crime Model Policy that is included in the Leadership section. The ELERV Strategy encourages agencies to develop stand-alone victim response policies, and this resource discusses concepts and considerations for policy development and provides sample language. Another example is the IACP Report Review Checklist series in the Performance Monitoring section. These checklists are designed to enhance response to victims of the identified crimes. They can be used to help strengthen investigations and report writing. The IACP resources are available online and are ready for immediate use. There are a limited number of model policies that are only available to IACP members, and these are noted in the publication.

Second, we have *Resources from the Field*. These resources have been developed by other U.S. organizations and carefully selected to be included in the ELERV Strategy materials. These tools support law enforcement's role in responding to victims of crime and can be used to bolster implementation efforts. Included in the Leadership section is a publication on procedural justice for law enforcement from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the Vicarious Trauma Toolkit from the Office for Victims of Crime. Also included is a series of sample mission, vision, and value statements from police departments around the United States. The Training section includes information about professional development scholarships from the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, and the Performance Monitoring section includes a Quick Reference series from the Center for Victim Research on how to develop a partnership with a researcher. All of the selected *Resources from the Field* support victim-centered, trauma-informed policing.

Finally, we have *ELERV Resources*. These resources are specific to the ELERV Strategy and are designed to help agencies kick start implementation. An example from the Leadership section is the Sample Implementation Plan. This document will help map action steps for planning and carrying out activities in your agency. In the Partnership section, you will find overviews of the roles and opportunities for both internal and external partnerships, and sample language for collaborative agreements such as a memorandum of understanding. The training section includes sample training presentations and worksheets that you can use to train all personnel at your agency, including sworn officers and professional staff. Ready-made surveys for agency personnel, community members, victims of crime, and external partners are all included in the Performance Monitoring section. These resources can all be customized to fit your agency and are ready for immediate use.

These are just a few examples of all that is included in the ELERV Strategy 2nd edition to help guide your agency toward enhanced victim response. Please explore our website at www.responsetovictims.org to learn more about the ELERV Strategy and contact our staff at ELERV@theiacp.org with any questions. We are happy to help in any way we can. Thank you!