



Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women

The *IACP Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women* is an unprecedented opportunity for law enforcement executives from across the country to explore innovative approaches for responding to and investigating crimes of violence against women, specifically domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and strangulation. In an interactive learning environment, Institute participants examine and assess their agency's current efforts to address these crimes, focus on developing and communicating priorities, network with colleagues to share challenges and solutions, and design practical action plans to maximize agency and community efforts to end violence against women, assist victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

Event Structure

The Leadership Institute curriculum focuses on strategies and techniques that can be utilized by law enforcement leaders to address the realities of crimes of violence against women through a series of **Educational Modules** and **Issue Briefs**.

Educational Modules

I. Department Standards: Policies and Practices to Prevent and Address Violence Against Women

Department policies, standards, and practices all play a critical role in setting agency priorities and addressing crimes of violence against women. This module will help participants define the importance of department policies in formalizing a response to violence against women; create a plan to develop, update, and implement effective policies; and understand the importance of community collaboration with respect to policy development.

II. Effective Communication: Reaching the Department, the Criminal Justice System, and the Community

Leaders must be able to create and evaluate systems of communications internal to their agencies and external to the wider criminal justice system and community. Through this module, participants will identify various communication strategies to appropriately convey their priority for responding to violence against women crimes, understand ways to effectively engage the community and members of the justice system in open communication, and recognize the agency leader's role in building community collaboration around issues of violence against women.

III. Accountability of Chiefs and Officers: Responding to Violence Against Women

Agency leaders are responsible for promoting an ethical response to violence against women crimes and ensuring officers are held accountable. Participants will examine institutional culture and environment within law enforcement agencies that support attitudes and behaviors that contribute to the minimization of violence against women. This module will help participants examine their responsibility to meet the needs of officers for training, guidance, and clear communication of expectations in order to be able to hold officers accountable. Mechanisms for accountability that take the needs of crime victims into account -- including complaint and reporting procedures that encompass a system checks and balances -- will also be explored.

Issue Briefs

Using interactive presentations that combine PowerPoint, video, discussion, and exercises, expert faculty will provide participants with detailed information about a selection of the following:

- The Impact of Trauma
- Sexual Assault: Strategies for Meeting the Challenges of Non-Stranger Assault Investigations
- Stalking: Making the Connection to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Domestic & Sexual Violence Committed by Law Enforcement: The Importance of Having A Plan in Place
- Protection Orders: Practical Strategies for Effective Enforcement
- Managing Firearms in Situations of Domestic Violence
- Liability: Lessons Learned by Law Enforcement
- Strangulation and the Risk of Lethality

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