



Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence

10 THINGS TO KNOW

- 1** These crimes affect all members of our communities and are **chronically underreported**.

- 2** Offenders must be held **accountable** for their crimes.

- 3** These crimes **disproportionately impact women, LGBTQ+ communities, and racial and ethnic minorities**. There are also unique considerations for male victims.

- 4** Police have an opportunity to **apply proven approaches** that address these complex crimes and comprehensively support victims.

- 5** **Establishing core values** that reinforce the importance of addressing these crimes and supporting victims are critical to a comprehensive response.

- 6** **Clear policy, ongoing training, and adequate resources** are essential to enhancing the law enforcement response.

- 7** **Victims must be supported and included** in the criminal justice process on their own terms and their rights must be honored.

- 8** Deliberate, active **partnerships with outside organizations** and groups enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of police.

- 9** **Performance monitoring and accountability** are vital elements in a comprehensive, data-driven approach to active leadership and organizational and cultural change.

- 10** **Leadership, in word and action**, is fundamental to enhancing the law enforcement response.