



# Domestic Violence

Detroit Police Department

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## STAFFING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

- (1) Sergeant Officer-In-Charge
  - (3) Span of Control Sergeants
    - (12) Investigative personnel to investigate allegations of intimate partner
    - (2) Court officers to manage all warrant request jackets
    - (2) Arrest team corporals
    - (2) Interrogators who interview all detainees at the Detroit Detention Center
    - (1) Civilian Analyst
    - (1) Civilian Project Manager / analyst
    - (1) Civilian Office Assistant



## MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The goal of the Detroit Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit is to stop intimate partner violence in our community by serving as the epicenter of a multidisciplinary criminal justice effort.

These efforts will be used to prevent what has been identified as the most frequent and least reported crime across the nation.

Specially trained detectives conduct detailed investigations as well as offer referrals to our resource network.



## OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

- Send message that Domestic Violence is a crime and those that commit DV will be prosecuted
- Provide equal protection under the law
- Provide resource and referral information to victims
- Maintain and improve partnerships with other agencies (prosecutors, social workers, etc.)
- Educate public and police on laws, procedures, and policies for processing domestic violence cases



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND INITIATIVES

Sisters Against Abuse Society

National Network of Safe Communities

3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court

Michigan Department of Corrections

Wayne County Prosecutors



## AUTHORITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Spouse/Former Spouse
- Couple Residing Together/Formerly Resided Together
- Couple with Child(ren) in Common
- Elder Abuse
- Malicious Destruction of Property where an assault occurred or during the violation of a Personal Protection Order (PPO)



## 2021 STATS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- **AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2021**

- TOTAL CASES ASSIGNED: 7043

- FELONY CASES: 1808

- MISDEMEANOR CASES: 5235

TOTAL WARRANT REQUESTS SUBMITTED: 3390



# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

- In our continued effort to protect victims of domestic violence, we are launching the Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (IPVI).
  - Offender-based focused deterrence strategy designed to reduce incidents of intimate partner violence
  - Combines affirmative victim outreach with increased offender accountability
  - Developed a protocol for identifying and managing high-risk offenders that includes classifying offenders based on risk





## CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

- Evaluated based on:
  - Factors within the suspect's criminal history
  - IPV history
  - Recent escalation in severity and/or frequency
  - Use of dangerous weapon
  - Use of strangulation
  - PPO violations
  - Other elements that have been shown as risk factors for recidivism
- Prolific offenders are classified as A-Level Offenders and are prioritized for immediate action and intensive response



## OPERATIONAL TEAM WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Operational Team oversees the initiative and is comprised of personnel from the following partners:

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO)

Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC)

Battered Women's Justice Project

Victims Assistance Program (VAP)

Eighth Precinct Detective Unit (8PDU)



## Resources

### **Domestic Violence Unit**

(313) 237-2579

[domesticviolence@detroitmi.gov](mailto:domesticviolence@detroitmi.gov)

### **Victims Assistance Program (Social Workers & Advocates)**

(313) 833-1660 (24/7-365)

### **Wayne County Clerk's Office (PPOs)**

[3rdcc.org](http://3rdcc.org)

(313) 224-6292



# Questions