MINNEAPOLIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING TEAM

Goals and Measures Relating to the Adoption of the Minneapolis Pledge to Reduce Domestic Violence

Minneapolis Police Department

Goal I – Implement policies and procedures to improve the charging rate and investigation of domestic violence related offenses.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Distribute to all patrol officers and investigators information regarding report writing and danger assessments in domestic violence cases.[1]	· Develop a report writing protocol and checklist for all domestic violence cases. · Develop a danger assessment to be used in domestic violence cases. · Train offices and investigators on report writing and the use of a danger assessment in domestic violence cases. · Distribute pocket cards with report writing checklists and danger assessments on it to all officers and investigators.	MPD	Protocols & Danger Assessment Developed Distribution to 100% of MPD officers and investigators	· Report writing protocol & checklist distributed for 5th Pct. Pilot Project · Risk assessment developed as a part of the 5th Pct. Pilot Project · As part of 5th Pct. Pilot Project, all officers in 5th Pct. trained on report writing and use of risk assessment · Pocket cards developed and distributed for 5th Pct. Pilot Project · Planning currently underway to expand 5th Pct. Pilot Project to other precincts
Develop a protocol directing officers to take photographs at the scene of domestic violence cases where relevant.[2]	· Write protocol regarding the taking of photographs at domestic violence calls. · Train officers in the new protocol. · Investigate costs of providing digital cameras for use in photographing injuries and investigate feasibility of obtaining grants to provide the financial resources to buy digital cameras.	MPD	Protocol written Number of Officers trained Grant	· Taking of photographs included in 5th Pct. Pilot Project protocol · 5th Pct. officers trained as part of Pilot Project training · Currently investigating options regarding purchasing of technology to photograph injuries

[1] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Training all first responders to better document and obtain evidence at a crime scene to assist the investigators in presenting cases that are evidence based," and "Ensuring that the investigative units responsible for investigating domestic assaults have the necessary resources to ensure that cases are fully investigated."

[2] Id.

			opportunities explored	
Increase training for officers regarding response to domestic violence incidents.[3]	· Review current training protocols for patrol officers & investigators regarding: assessing self defense, making predominant aggressor determinations, responding to OFP and NCO violations and on new case law developments · Develop updated training protocols, when necessary, & implement as part of regular training for officers.	MPD	Current Training Protocol reviewed Current Training Protocols Updated	· Current protocols reviewed and updated when necessary · Training for implementation of 5th Pct. Pilot Project included updated information regarding protocols and case law developments · As pilot project is implemented in other precincts, training will continue to be included as part of implementation
Develop Protocols regarding on-scene questioning regarding firearm search & seizure in domestic violence cases[4]	· Continue to participate in Hennepin County Gun Surrender Pilot Program. · Develop protocols regarding inquiring about firearms at all domestic calls & seizing firearms when appropriate. · Document in every police report for a domestic violence call whether firearms are present in the home.	MPD	Protocol developed Begin measuring number of firearms in domestic violence calls	· Participation in Hennepin County Gun Surrender Pilot Program continues · Protocols regarding inquiring about & seizing firearms, when appropriate, developed as part of Pilot Project · MCAO asks victims about firearms as part of information gathered by victim liaisons prior to case resolution · Advocates include firearm safety as part of safety plan

[3] Id.

[4] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Developing a protocol to ensure victim safety when there are firearms in the home" and "Working with Hennepin County District Court to set up and maintain a system to seize guns from those parties convicted of domestic assault charges and those with current Order for Protection."

Goal II – Educate patrol officers and investigators regarding the safety options and resources available to all the domestic violence victims with whom they come into contact.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Increase awareness for police officers and investigators of domestic violence shelter and advocacy resources.[5]	• Develop training for police officers regarding shelters and advocacy services for domestic violence victims. • Provide a training for police officers regarding these resources.	MPD AWUM CASA DAP	Training Developed Number of Officers Trained	• Information about shelters included as part of 5th Pct Pilot Project Training • Advocates assigned to FVU participate in New Recruit training • Advocates staff Broadway and Midtown Safety Centers each week • Roll calls are planned in Precincts
Evaluate and review the use of professional interpreters when responding to domestic violence related offenses when either or all parties do not speak English.[6]	• Review the current usage of professional interpreters in domestic violence cases. • Assess whether further training for officers is required.	MPD	Current Interpreter usage reviewed	• Advocates assigned to FVU continue to track issues regarding interpreter use as part of review of police reports • MPD/FVU aware of no current issues arising as to use of interpreters
Review & update information provided to crime victims on the "Blue Cards"[7]	• Review current Blue Cards distributed to crime victims. • Update information contained on the Blue Cards so victims are receiving current information.	MPD	Blue Card Reviewed & Updated	• Blue Card reviewed and updated with current victim service information • New Blue Cards anticipated to be printed in November 2008

[5] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Ensuring that pro-active advocacy is available to all victims of domestic assault. Victims in crisis cannot be expected to find help, but rather should be contacted and offered assistance Partnering with advocacy groups operating out of the City of Minneapolis to maintain a list of services available to victims by those groups" and "Ensuring that the investigative units responsible for investigating domestic assaults have the necessary resources to ensure that cases are fully investigated".

[6] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Partnering with advocacy groups to increase cultural awareness and improve community relations with immigrant and refugee communities within the City of Minneapolis", "Ensuring equal access to the criminal justice system, health care services, government benefits and the shelter system for immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence," and "Ensuring that adequate interpreter services are available to non-English speakers at every stage that services are offered."

[7] See language in Minneapolis pledge stating, "Partnering with advocacy groups operating out of the City of Minneapolis to maintain a list of services available to victims by those groups."

Goal III – Improve the Police Department's response to Gone-on-Arrival (GOA) Reports in domestic violence-related offenses.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Include domestic-related GOAs in the Department's "virtual roll calls".[8]	• Explore feasibility of adding domestic related GOAs to virtual roll calls. • Increase Training for patrol officers regarding best practices regarding domestic-related GOA offenses. • Review effect on the number of arrests during the "12 Hour Rule" in domestic violence cases after adding to virtual roll calls.	MPD	Domestic-related GOAs added to virtual roll-calls Effect on Arrest Rate Studied	• Currently exploring ways in which information about GOA cases can be shared efficiently and systematically • 5th Precinct Pilot Project training included information about 12 Hour Rule

Goal IV – To Enhance Tracking of Domestic Violence-Related Cases.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Add domestic violence-related crime statistics to Department's weekly Code 4 tracking strategy.[9]	• Add domestic violence-related cases to Code 4 Tracking Strategy. • Review trends relating to domestic violence-related cases as part of Code 4 Strategy.	MPD	Domestic-related calls added to Code 4	• MPD exploring addition of domestic related calls to Code 4

[8] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Training all first responders to better document and obtain evidence at a crime scene to assist the investigators in presenting cases that are evidence based," and "Ensuring that the investigative units responsible for investigating domestic assaults have the necessary resources to ensure that cases are fully investigated."

[9] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Ensuring that the investigative units responsible for investigating domestic assaults have the necessary resources to ensure that cases are fully investigated."

Minneapolis City Attorney's Office

Goal I – To facilitate coordination among Minneapolis criminal justice agencies and nongovernmental organizations working on domestic violence related issues.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Convene an annual summit meeting of persons working on domestic violence related issues in the City of Minneapolis to increase the coordinated community response.[10]	• Plan annual meeting of persons working on domestic violence issues in the City of Minneapolis.[1] • Review recommendations of reports such as the Fatality Review team, systemic audits and emerging best practices related to domestic violence.	MCAO	Annual Summit Meeting held	• Attempted to convene working group, however, most agencies felt that existing committees and work groups were sufficient to address the issues, so no annual meeting convened • Meetings attended include: - Hennepin Co. Family Violence Coordinating Council - Criminal Sub-committee of the Hennepin Co. Family Violence Coordinating Council - Advocate Sub-committee of the Hennepin Co. Family Violence Coordinating Council - Hennepin Co. Domestic Violence Court Steering Committee - Hennepin Co. Domestic Fatality Review Team

[10] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Working with probation, service providers and the courts to ensure that perpetrators of violence are referred to services that help break the cycle of violence by changing their behavior and demanding that perpetrators be held accountable for their actions."

Convene quarterly interagency meetings with those working on domestic violence issues.[11]	• Establish quarterly meeting of persons working on domestic violence issues in the City of Minneapolis.[1]	MCAO	Quarterly meetings held	• As noted above, insufficient interest to form new work group • MPD, MCAO, and Advocacy Partners continue to meet monthly as part of VAWA grant steering committee • MPD, MCAO & Advocacy Partners continue to serve on County Wide Committees focusing on domestic violence and systems change

1 Invited to the annual summit meeting, will be representatives from, at a minimum, the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, the Minneapolis Police Department, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, the Domestic Abuse Service Center, Hennepin County Community Corrections, the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center, and local nongovernmental domestic violence advocacy agencies.

Goal II – Continue to improve the response to domestic violence related cases by the City Attorney's Office.

Strategy/Goal	**Tactics**	**Responsible Party or Parties**	**Estimated Performance Measure**	**Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)**
Improve the response to domestic violence cases by the MCAO.	• Review 100% of cases for gross misdemeanor and felony charging. • Increase the conviction rate on domestic violence cases to 60%.	MCAO	Number of cases reviewed Conviction Rate	• 100% of cases reviewed for gross misdemeanor and felony charging • Conviction rate is 64% as of 2nd Quarter 2008 for domestic violence cases • In 5th Precinct Pilot Project, conviction rate after 2nd Quarter is 79%, an increase of 25% from conviction rate for the comparison year in the 5th Pct.

[11] Id.

Community Based Advocacy

Partners include: Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM), Casa de Esperanza (CASA) and Domestic Abuse Project (DAP)

Goal I – Provide services to victims to assist with immediate safety needs.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Provide Services to victims in misdemeanor domestic violence police reports to assist with immediate safety needs.[12]	• Send written information to all victims in domestic violence arrest and gone on arrival police reports. • Attempt Telephone Contact with victims when possible. • Door knock at Little Earth Housing for those without a phone.	DAP	At least 3000 victim contacts	• See attached Advocacy Summary for more details • 2489 victims contacted by DAP, AWUM and CASA, with 21,792 different services provided by advocates through end of 3rd Quarter '08
Provide services to victims identified in felony level police reports investigated by MPD's Family Violence Unit.[13]	• Send written information to victims in police reports. • Attempt telephone contacts with victims in those reports. • Provide support for victims working with investigators of the Family Violence Unit.	AWUM CASA DAP	At least 1000 victim contacts	• 470 victims contacted by Advocates on felony level cases at FVU through end of 3rd Quarter '08. Only 418 victims were contacted by Advocates in all of 2007. • See attached Advocacy Summary for more details

[12] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Ensuring that pro-active advocacy is available to all victims of domestic assault. Victims in crisis cannot be expected to find help, but rather should be contacted and offered assistance Partnering with advocacy groups operating out of the City of Minneapolis to maintain a list of services available to victims by those groups."

[13] Id.

Goal II – Assist the city in ensuring access to services and interventions into domestic violence for immigrant communities.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Increase cultural awareness and community awareness about domestic violence within immigrant communities.[14]	• Develop community presentations regarding domestic violence to the Latino, Somali and Southeast Asian communities • Present information regarding domestic violence to the Latino, Somali and Southeast Asian communities	DAP CASA AWUM MPD FVU MCAO	At least 3 community presentations	• See attached sheet for details about Community Presentations regarding domestic violence conducted by members of the Collaborative
Place language-specific advocates in MPD community safety centers with large immigrant populations.[15]	• Advocates staff 1-2 days per week at MPD community safety centers where there are large immigrant populations. • Provide assistance to victims who walk-in to the centers. • Work with safety center staff in community outreach regarding domestic violence.	DAP CASA AWUM	At least 52 days staffed by advocates at Safety Centers	• Advocates staff Midtown and Broadway Safety Centers weekly • Advocates work with safety center staff to do community outreach regarding domestic violence • Advocates have permanent displays of information at Safety Centers regarding the services that they can provide & are included on promotion literature for Midtown Safety Center

[14] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Partnering with advocacy groups to increase cultural awareness and improve community relations with immigrant and refugee communities within the City of Minneapolis" and " Ensuring equal access to the criminal justice system, health care services, government benefits and the shelter system for immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence."

[15] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Partnering with community groups, service providers and the schools to encourage non-violence and practical conflict resolution to promote healthy families and appropriate ways to deal with anger," and" Ensuring that pro-active advocacy is available to all victims of domestic assault. Victims in crisis cannot be expected to find help, but rather should be contacted and offered assistance."

Goal III – Engage in Community Collaboration Efforts.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure	Progress to Date (Updated for PS&RS report back on 10/29/08)
Engage in community outreach efforts with already established boards and commissions.[16]	• Research already existing boards & commissions operating in the City of Minneapolis to see where our work overlaps. • Engage in outreach with the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.	DAP CASA AWUM	At least 2 community outreach efforts	• Advocates have and are currently providing outreach to students at Broadway School, Anishinabe Academy & at Little Earth

[16] See language in Minneapolis Pledge stating, "Partnering with community groups, service providers and the schools to encourage non-violence and practical conflict resolution to promote healthy families and appropriate ways to deal with anger."

Community Outreach by VAWA Grant Collaboration in Relation to:

Goal II for Community Based Advocacy – Assist the City in ensuing access to services and interventions into domestic violence for immigrant community & Goal I for Minneapolis City Attorney's Office – To Facilitate coordination among Minneapolis criminal justice agencies and nongovernmental organizations working on domestic violence related issues.

An advocate from DAP made presentations to the Latino Community about domestic violence & community resources at 6 churches between August and November 2007. Over 70 people attended these presentations.

Peace is Our Way was a collaborative event planned by programs from North Minneapolis (BIHA Women in Action, Casa de Esperanza, DAP, Family and Children's Initiative for Violence Free Families, Hennepin County Adult Probation, Minneapolis Police Dept., Mothers of Crime Victims, Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, Tubman Family Alliance, Chrysalis, Women of Nations). The event was held on Tuesday, October 23rd 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with supper and a program. Resource tables from all the community organizations, including NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center were available. 150 people from the community attended.

A Night to Remember was a collaborative event planned by DAP, Women of Nations, and Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. An event to promote peace in our families and to remember and honor the victims and survivors of domestic violence, the feast and program was held on Monday, October 22nd, 6-8:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. 100 people from the American Indian Community attended.

Advocate Update 2007 – On November 13 & December 4, the VAWA Grant Collaborative sponsored their 4th annual Advocate Update. About 40 advocates, probation officers, health care workers and other criminal justice professionals from the Twins Cities Metro Area attended the training. Topics covered included: elder abuse, working with guardian ad litems, new laws and web resources, stalking, immigration relief and programs for children experiencing domestic violence.

The attorney assigned to the Family Violence Unit was invited to participate in a 2 day training sponsored by the Stalking Program at Cornerstone in Bloomington, MN in February 2008. The attorney developed an hour long power point explaining the Minnesota stalking/harassment statute and case law related to that statute. The presentation also contained tips for prosecutors and law enforcement in documenting, identifying and prosecuting stalking cases. 109 people attended the training, with the majority being police officers and prosecutors.

Advocates from DAP, AWUM, and CASA, as well as the Family Violence Unit Lieutenant did a presentation to 35 adult students at Broadway Community School ELL class, Northside ABE-GED programs on March 12, 2008. At the presentation the team shared information regarding domestic violence with the students and the teachers.

The attorney assigned to the Family Violence Unit was invited to be part of a panel presentation about Domestic Violence Court in Minneapolis at the 4th Annual Suburban Prosecutors Association CLE on Friday May 16. About 40 prosecutors attended from around the state to learn about domestic violence court and our policies and procedures.

Two DAP Somali advocates provided a training about domestic violence, police response and community resources to 11 Somali Health Outreach Workers from the Minnesota International Health Volunteers in May 2008. These health outreach workers go into women's homes to talk about preventive health issues.

The attorney assigned to the Family Violence Unit presented at a daylong training about domestic violence for approximately 150 probation officers from Hennepin County Community Corrections & Rehabilitation on June 10 & 16. The 2 hour presentation entitled, "Criminal Justice Intervention into Domestic Violence Cases – One Prosecutor's Perspective", focused on how the criminal justice system handles domestic violence cases, about how the dynamics of domestic abuse impact prosecution, and about evidence based prosecution and probation violations.

Advocates from CASA, AWUM and DAP, along with the lieutenant from Family Violence provided training for the Metro Refugee Health Task Force meeting on June 3rd. Approximately 39 professionals from various state, county and private health care agencies attended.

On July 31st, representatives from DAP and AWUM met with 10 representatives from the Republic of Georgia (former Soviet country). These representatives were looking for information about how we deal with ethnic minorities in our work and how we help ensure human rights. The presenters spoke about our work with MPD, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and the many other partnerships and ways we all work together to reduce barriers to immigrants and refugees to seek safety and help through our various systems. The invitation came from the Advocates for Human Rights, based on their research on barriers immigrant and refugee battered women face and our involvement of the Women's Program in our work on the Minneapolis Pledge.

Advocates from DAP, CASA and AWUM participated in an outreach event held at the Minneapolis Central Library called "Breaking the Silence" on August 26, 2008. The event included a performance by the Pangea World Theatre as well as a panel discussion about domestic violence and barriers to obtaining assistance in the immigrant community. Advocates distributed materials from the Collaboration and their individual agencies at the event. Approximately 35-40 people were in attendance.

"Breaking the Cycle" in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness week will be held on October 25, 2008.

Staff from DAP participated in monthly presentations to Latina groups at CLUES and Latino groups at Centro Inc. On average, 10 – 14 persons attended each presentation.

Staff from DAP made quarterly presentations to the Somali Community at the PICA Headstart and at the Park Plaza Apartments in North Minneapolis. 10 – 15 women attended each presentation.

Advocates from CASA did two training for CPS workers in Minneapolis about the realities of Latino Families and how to work around barriers when the system gets involved. Approximately 40 persons attended the trainings.

Committees, Work Groups and Collaborative Planning Teams attended by members of the Grant Collaborative include:

Hennepin County Family Violence Coordinating Council
Criminal Sub-committee of the Hennepin County Family Violence Coordinating Council
Advocate Sub-committee of the Hennepin County Family Violence Coordinating Council
Hennepin County Domestic Violence Court Steering Committee
Hennepin County Domestic Fatality Review Team

ADVOCACY STATISTICS

Victims Served

	FVU Collaborative- CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	FVU Collaborative - CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/07 – 12/31/07
Victims Served	470	418	2019	3253

Services Provided

Community Advocacy	FVU Collaborative- CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	FVU Collaborative - CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/07 – 12/31/07
Alternate Employment Plan	1	2	158	450
Child Safety	33	44	372	710
Client Outreach	861	469	2455	4174
DV Education	828	299	2500	4228
Emergency Funds	7	3	140	426
Food/Housing/Transportation	11	10	342	647
Immigration Issues	8	0	146	403
Referral to Community Agency	81	233	1391	2429
Referral to DAP Therapy	9	160	1311	1984
Safety Planning	115	227	2236	3279
Support	876	424	2756	4531
Translation	54	32	165	438

Legal Advocacy	FVU Collaborative - CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	FVU Collaborative - CASA, DAP & AWUM 1/1/07 – 12/31/07	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/08 – 9/30/08	Other DAP Advocacy - CJI, Little Earth & North Point 1/1/07 – 12/31/07
Arraignment	4	1	319	672
CJS Information	705	425	746	836
Jury Trial	2	0	41	138
OFP Hearing	5	5	135	188
OFP Writing	93	57	215	258
Other OFP Assistance	33	69	944	1533
Other Court Activity	16	7	496	406
Post-Disposition Assistance	152	41	135	240
Potential Felony Review	426	91	29	33
Pre-Trial	1	1	182	223
Sexual Assault	17	5	20	31

ADVOCACY STATISTICS

Victims Served

	AWUM – House of Peace (Shelter) 6/1/07 – 9/30/08	AWUM – Community Advocacy Program 6/1/07 – 9/30/08
Victims Served	451	2088

Services Provided

	AWUM – House of Peace (Shelter) 6/1/07 – 9/30/08	AWUM – Community Advocacy Program 6/1/07 – 9/30/08
Crisis Counseling/Intervention	726	1332
Counseling/Intervention	334	631
Information & Referral – In Person	719	1077
Information & Referral – Telephone	1428	1377
Information & Referral – Written	0	309
Personal Advocacy	2456	619
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	79	418
Emergency Legal Advocacy	114	624
Emergency Financial Assistance	149	35
Assistance Filing Reparations Claims	7	12
Group Treatment/Support	816	327
Referral to Therapy	0	3

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS

911 Calls Classified as Domestic Assault Related

	Total 911 Calls Coded as Domestic Assault Related	Total 911 Calls Closed with Bookings
2007	14599	1486
2008 (Through 3rd Quarter 2008)	13128	1263

Case Routing to Family Violence Unit (FVU)

	Domestic Assault Related Cases Routed to FVU	Domestic Assault Related Cases Assigned for Investigation at FVU
2007	6460	1420
2008	4648	1381

Misdemeanor & Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault Prosecution Statistics by City Attorney's Office

	Cases Prosecuted	Conviction Rate	Gone on Arrival Cases Reviewed
2007	1610	54%	2004
2008	792[1]	64%	1385[2]

[1] Statistics on cases prosecuted gathered through end of 2nd Quarter 2008
[2] Statistics on gone on arrival cases reviewed gathered through end of 3rd Quarter 2008