

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
Distribute to all patrol officers and investigators information regarding report writing and danger assessments in domestic violence cases. ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Protocols & Danger Assessment Developed</p> <p>Distribution to 100% of MPD officers and investigators</p>
Develop a protocol directing officers to take photographs at the scene of domestic violence cases where relevant. ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Protocol written</p> <p>Number of Officers trained</p> <p>Grant opportunities explored</p>
Increase training for officers regarding response to domestic violence incidents. ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 develops. • Develop updated training protocols, when necessary, & implement as part of regular training for officers. 	MPD	<p>Current Training Protocol reviewed</p> <p>Current Training Protocols Updated</p>

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.

³ Id.

Develop Protocols regarding on-scene questioning regarding firearm search & seizure in domestic violence cases ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Protocol developed</p> <p>Begin measuring number of firearms in domestic violence calls</p>
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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
Increase awareness for police officers and investigators of domestic violence shelter and advocacy resources. ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Training Developed</p> <p>Number of Officers Trained</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the current usage of professional interpreters in domestic violence cases. • Assess whether further training for officers is required. 	MPD	Current Interpreter usage reviewed
Review & update information provided to crime victims on the “Blue Cards” ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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.”

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
Include domestic-related GOAs in the Department’s “virtual roll calls”. ⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Domestic-related GOAs added to virtual roll-calls</p> <p>Effect on Arrest Rate Studied</p>

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

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure
Add domestic violence-related crime statistics to Department’s weekly Code 4 tracking strategy. ⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Convene quarterly interagency meetings with those working on domestic violence issues. ¹¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish quarterly meeting of persons working on domestic violence issues in the City of Minneapolis.¹ 	MCAO	Quarterly meetings held

- 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
Improve the response to domestic violence cases by the MCAO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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."

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
Provide Services to victims in misdemeanor domestic violence police reports to assist with immediate safety needs. ¹²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Provide services to victims identified in felony level police reports investigated by MPD’s Family Violence Unit. ¹³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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
Increase cultural awareness and community awareness about domestic violence within immigrant communities. ¹⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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Place language-specific advocates in MPD community safety centers with large immigrant populations. ¹⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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Goal III – Engage in Community Collaboration Efforts.

Strategy/Goal	Tactics	Responsible Party or Parties	Estimated Performance Measure
Engage in community outreach efforts with already established boards and commissions. ¹⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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