

Public Safety, Finance, and  
Strategic Support Committee

# Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Annual Report

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# Family Violence Unit

*Goal: Utilize a multi-disciplinary approach that integrates effective investigation and support services to survivors of family violence in a safe and friendly environment*

## **SJPD Sworn Staffing**

- Domestic Violence Detail (Intimate Partner Violence- IPV)
- Threat Management Detail (DVRO, stalking, threats, workplace violence)
- Child, Elder, Dependent Adult Abuse Detail

## **Partner Agency Staffing**

- Santa Clara County Department of Family and Child Services
- Victim advocate from YWCA of Silicon Valley
- Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office



# Domestic Violence Case Data 2018-2019

	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Total
<b>Domestic battery Penal Code 243e(1)</b>	53	77	66	62	59	68	58	46	66	71	91	98	<b>815</b>
<b>Domestic violence minor injury Penal Code 273.5(A)</b>	167	165	147	137	113	152	136	136	143	154	167	198	<b>1,815</b>
<b>Domestic violence SBI or weapon Penal Code 273.5(A)</b>	35	39	22	28	34	21	31	26	30	33	29	28	<b>356</b>
<b>Violation of restraining order Penal Code 273.6</b>	102	79	74	90	73	70	85	81	81	90	93	105	<b>1,023</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>4,009</b>



# Improving Services to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Survivors

## YWCA of Silicon Valley Partnership

- October 2016 to present
- Fulltime bilingual domestic violence advocate at the Family Violence Center
  - Counseling, lethality/risk assessment, safety planning, restraining order assistance, aid in accessing services, referrals
  - 1,614 follow-ups.
  - Services and referrals provided to 306 survivors
- 24-Hour hotline for calls from victims, potential victims, and San Jose Police Department personnel



# Domestic Violence- High Risk Response Team (HRRT)

*Goal: Reduce lethality and improve service delivery to IPV survivors by having a YWCA Advocate available for in-person response after hours*

Program Launched June 1, 2019

- Five deployments to date
- Program growing as YWCA Advocates are hired & trained
- Ideal hours:
  - 8:00 pm through 8:00 am weekdays
  - All Day Saturday and Sunday
  - 24-hour hotline available if in-person response is not possible



# Four Main HRRT Strategies

## 1) Early Identification of High-Risk Cases

SJPD Patrol Officers conduct a “Lethality Assessment” at every IPV investigation. This is used to conduct a thorough investigation and to determine if HRRT response is appropriate or not.

## 2) Engagement of Multidisciplinary Team

YWCA Advocates respond and join Patrol Officers after hours at High-Lethality IPV incidents. These advocates are able to establish rapport with survivors, help with a safety plan, evaluate the condition of the survivors and offer appropriate services.



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## 3) **Ongoing Monitoring and Containment of Offenders**

Whenever possible, suspects are booked into County Jail. Unit members monitor high-risk and repeat offenders and work with partners from Probation, Parole and the District Attorney's Office.

## 4) **Victim Services**

The YWCA is SJPD's contract partner. They continue to work closely with fellow IPV advocacy groups and Victim Services (DA's Office) to offer every available resource to IPV survivors.



# Alignment of City Resources to Maximize Domestic Violence Services

## Staffing at Family Violence Unit

- Unit is authorized for 20 sworn staff
- Unit is currently staffed with 14 sworn staff. Vacancies to be filled when Department staffing level allows backfills.
- One Sergeant and Five Officers assigned to DV team

## Crime Prevention Unit Presentations

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention
- Educating teens to prevent future violence





# Questions?

