

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 (Domestic Violence Restraining Order violations, 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



# 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
  - Over 1,200 follow-ups
  - Approximately 324 referrals provided to survivors
- 24-Hour hotline for calls from victims, potential victims, and San Jose Police Department personnel



# Domestic Violence Occurrences 2020-2021

	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Total
<b>Domestic battery Penal Code 243e(1)</b>	62	80	66	54	65	71	70	64	64	64	78	47	<b>785</b>
<b>Domestic violence minor injury Penal Code 273.5(A)</b>	161	162	140	143	134	102	109	118	129	114	154	148	<b>1,614</b>
<b>Domestic violence SBI or weapon Penal Code 273.5(A)</b>	31	40	41	41	33	42	31	36	46	40	32	38	<b>451</b>
<b>Violation of restraining order Penal Code 273.6</b>	125	158	128	141	111	130	113	108	114	139	115	125	<b>1,507</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>4,357</b>



# Annual Comparison

OCCURRENCE TYPE DESCRIPTION*	TOTAL JUL 2019- JUN 2020	TOTAL JUL 2020- JUN 2021	% CHANGE
243(E)(1) PC BATTERY DOMESTIC	790	785	-0.6%
273.5(A) PC DV MINOR INJURY	1707	1614	-5.4%
273.5(A) PC DV SBI OR WEAPON	433	451	4.2%
273.6A PC RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	1439	1507	4.7%
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>4369</u></b>	<b><u>4357</u></b>	<b><u>-0.3%</u></b>

\*Occurrence Type Description Key::

243(e)(1) PC Battery Domestic =

273.5(a) PC DV Minor Injury =

273.5(a) PC DV SBI or Weapon =

273.6APC DV Restrained Ord Viol =

Domestic Battery

Inflicting minor injury in the context of domestic violence

Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury or using a weapon in the context of domestic violence

Violation of a restraining order in the context of domestic violence



# 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

- Seven in-person deployments prior to COVID-19
- During COVID-19 a “Virtual Response” with emphasis on safety planning, temporary housing, food provisions, etc. was provided
- In-person responses recently resumed
- Outside agency called “Arboreta Group” was hired to conduct an impartial evaluation of the program. Their final report is expected soon and will be used to modify/improve the program.



# Intersectionality between Domestic Violence (DV), Sexual Assault (SA) and Human Trafficking (HT)

SJPD “Intersectionality Tool” implemented January 2020

- Initially, only used on DV calls to identify unreported SA or HT
- Identified approximately 88 SA cases in FY 20/21
- Identified approximately 30 possible HT cases in FY 20/21

In-process: policy update to refine and expand the Intersectionality Tool

- In near future, patrol officers will use the tool on all DV, SA and HT cases, not just DV cases.
- They will ask questions to look for any of these intersectional crimes, conduct preliminary investigations, properly document the incident and refer the case to the appropriate detective team for follow-up.



# Office of the City Auditor, City of San Jose

March 2021 report: “Advocate Referrals: Further Improvements to Processes and Data Sharing Can Help Connect More Survivors to Services”

- Six Recommendations
- SJPD agreed to all six recommendations in the audit
- All six recommendations are complete or expected to be complete by December 31, 2021

DV related portions of the recommendations

- Update various Duty Manual sections (“trauma-informed” approach)
- Update DV Resource Cards
- Evaluate HRRT program
- Information sharing with YWCA
- Work with Crime Prevention Unit to target communities disproportionately affected by DV, SA, HT, etc.



# 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 “full duty” plus 2 “modified duty” sworn staff. Vacancies to be filled when Department staffing levels permit backfills.
- One sergeant and five full duty officers assigned to DV team (plus two modified duty Officers)

## Crime Prevention Unit Presentations

- Healthy Relationships
- Educating teens to prevent future violence
- In-person and remote presentations now taking place in schools, community centers, etc.



# Questions?

