



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

114 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

GENERAL ORDER: 2020-XX
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EFFECTIVE: December 23, 2020

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Jeffrey Norman
DATE: December 2, 2020

ACTION: Amends General Order 2018-29 (September 17, 2018)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.3.9, 6.3.10

ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

114.30 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE NOTIFICATION

- A. While at the scene, the investigating officer(s) shall advise the victim of the high danger assessment and of our standard protocol to contact a domestic violence advocacy service provider and to request the victim's authorization to release their information to the Domestic Violence Hotline. If the victim authorizes the release of their information, the member shall call the 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline **REDACTED** and provide the worker with the name of the investigating officer, the charges, all requested information, and whether an arrest has been made. This is done to provide the victim with immediate support and services, emergency shelter, transportation, childcare, assistance with prosecution, etc. If the victim has no phone, officers shall request a supervisor with a telephone.
- B. If the victim authorizes the release of their information, the investigating officer is also required to provide information to the Domestic Violence Hotline regarding the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) tool, located on the rear of the *Domestic Violence Supplementary Incident Report* (form PO-15D). This tool helps identify those victims at the highest risk of being seriously injured or killed by their partners. The goal of the LAP is to prevent domestic violence homicides, serious injury, and re-assault by encouraging more victims to use shelters, counseling, advocacy, and support services of domestic violence programs.

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