

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY-SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Officer:	Date:	Case#:
Victim:	Offender:	Relationship:
Address of Incident:		Date and Time of Incident:
___ Check here if the victim did not answer any of these questions.		
A "Yes" response to any of Questions 1-5 automatically triggers the protocol referral.		
1. Has the person ever threatened to use or used a weapon against the victim?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
2. Has the person ever threatened to kill the victim or the children of the victim?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
3. Has the person ever tried to choke the victim?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
4. Has the person ever tried or threatened to kill him/herself?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
5. Does the victim think the person will try to kill the victim?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
Negative responses to Question 1-5 but positive responses to at least three of Questions #6-11 trigger the protocol referral.		
6. Does the person have a gun or can he/she get one easily?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
7. Is the person violently or constantly jealous or does the person attempt to control most of the daily activities of the victim?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
8. Does the person follow or spy on the victim or leave the victim threatening or unwanted messages, phone calls or text messages?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
9. Does the victim have any children the person knows is not his/her own child?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
10. Has the victim left or separated from the person after living together or being married?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
11. Is the person unemployed?	___ Yes ___ No ___ Refused	
An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the victim's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.		
Is there anything else that worries the victim about his or her safety? If so, what worries the victim?		
Check one: ___ Victim screened in according to the protocol ___ Victim screened in based on the belief of the officer ___ Victim did not screen in		
If victim screened in :		
Did the officer contact the local OAG Certified DV/SA Program or Tribal DV/SA Program? ___ Yes ___ No		
If "no" state why: _____		
If the officer is unable to make contact with a hotline advocate at the local program after at least two attempts within a 10 minute period, contact the State SAFELINE at 1-800-522-SAFE (7233).		
After advising the victim of high risk for danger/lethality, did the victim speak with the hotline advocate?		
Note: The questions above and the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces is based on the best available research on factors associated with lethal violence by a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that are not captured by this screen. Although most victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, these victims face much higher risk than of other victims of intimate partner violence.		