



The Challenges in Investigating a Domestic Violence Case

A Fourth Amendment Workshop

Thursday, May 18, 2017



This workshop was created by Deputy Attorney General William J. Zaorski Ret. of the N. J. Division of Criminal Justice to take a close look at the legal requirements for successfully investigating a domestic violence case. Domestic violence is unlike any other crime that police will investigate. Police must know what specific evidence prosecutors need to successfully prosecute a case and must prepare a case where the victim will not testify for the State.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Zaorski was commended by Governor Chris Christie for his efforts in developing guidelines & procedures to protect victims of domestic violence. When he was with the Division of Criminal Justice, he conducted workshops on domestic violence procedures throughout the State of New Jersey. He also conducted domestic violence workshops for the New Jersey Judiciary and for the New Jersey Probation Department. The New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women honored him with its Law Enforcement Award for his efforts against domestic violence.

This one-day workshop explores the critical concepts of domestic violence so a responding officer will know how to interact with victims, children and batterers in obtaining the critical information prosecutors need to prosecute these difficult cases. Mr. Zaorski discusses with the class in a non-lecture approach the challenges of investigating a domestic violence case and the importance of the role of the responding officer. The topics covered not only serve as a refresher of basic Fourth Amendment concepts but goes beyond the basics of what is happening in America and how police officer can bring an end to domestic violence, one family at a time.

This workshop is a must training course for all law enforcement officers including Police, Sheriff's Officers County and State Investigators, Prosecutors, Probation & Parole Officers as well as Animal Control Officers, Animal Cruelty Investigators, Humane Law Enforcement Officers and Agents, Domestic Violence Counselors and others involved in family issues.

The workshop discusses the following major concepts and more:

- ✓ New strategies for investigating a domestic violence case
- ✓ Understanding the New Jersey Crime Victims' Rights
- ✓ Learn best police practices in investigating domestic violence cases
- ✓ Cross cultural issues: race, ethnicity and class
- ✓ The link between domestic violence, child abuse and animal cruelty
- ✓ Law Enforcement Guidelines in investigating a domestic violence case
- ✓ Interviewing techniques in domestic violence cases
- ✓ Understanding a victim of domestic violence
- ✓ Some important criminal charges in domestic violence cases
- ✓ How to determine who should be arrested in a domestic violence case
- ✓ What New Jersey law requires when a victim acted in self defense
- ✓ What happens when an officer makes a dual arrest?
- ✓ How to document a domestic violence response
- ✓ Taking digital photographs
- ✓ What if the abuser is employed in the criminal justice system?

The course will be held at the **Somerset County Police Academy** located at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy 402 Roycefield Rd. behind the Somerset County South County Garage in Hillsborough, NJ. 08844 It will run from 8:00AM until 4:00PM and is offered on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The cost of the course is \$139.00 per person (\$99.00 for 2 or more from the same agency) and is open to all law enforcement officers including police, sheriff's officers, animal control officers, cruelty investigators, SPCA, prosecutors, domestic violence counselors.

Registration form can be found on line at: <http://www.cditraining.org/machform/view.php?id=37879> or, call 800-244-6921 for course registration. For further information regarding certification, course content, or questions please contact: