

# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACTION  
PLAN

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## SUMMARY

As directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board), the Los Angeles Fire Department (Department) is providing an update to the Department's Domestic Violence (DV) Action Plan.

The initial DV Action Plan was delineated in the Fire Commission Board Report 17-031R. The report contained information, recommendations, goals, and objectives designed to raise awareness and to educate Department members on domestic violence and human trafficking (HT) within the City of Los Angeles.

This update will provide an overview of the Department's continued commitment to educating its members to recognize the signs of domestic violence and human trafficking in patients and/or other contacts with the citizens of Los Angeles and to provide the appropriate treatment and available resources.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:  
Receive and file.

## DISCUSSION

On March 21, 2017 the Department presented to the Board a DV Action Plan. On July 3, 2018, the Department provided an update to the Board which highlighted its previous accomplishments and discussed additional goals to be completed.

These additional goals included:

1. Complete and distribute a Departmental Bulletin on treating suspected DV patients.
2. Increase member awareness of the tracking process for suspected DV/HT patients via info notices, EMS Captains, and the EMS training unit.



3. Provide updated DV/HT training for all members utilizing the EMS Training Unit as well as outside subject matter experts.
4. Continue to track suspected DV/HT patients treated and determine best use of the data to better address DV/HT in the City.
5. Consider public awareness training during Department Geographical Bureau's Public Safety Advisory Meetings.
6. Continue to collaborate with the Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Alliance, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Mayor's Coalition of DV Liaisons.

The following areas address the aforementioned goals and the current status of each.

### Training and Education

#### Goals 1, 2, 3, and 5

Currently a draft version of a Departmental Bulletin titled "Treating Victims of Domestic Violence" has been completed and is in the editing stage. Upon final editing, the bulletin will be submitted for final approval and dissemination Department-wide.

A reminder message emphasizing the required reporting of DV incidents will be published to coincide with the delivery of the DV Departmental Bulletin. Additionally, EMS Captains and EMS Educators continue to provide training to support and encourage the reporting of suspected DV and HT incidents.

Since 2017, the Department has provided DV/HT training through Target Solutions, an on-line training management system. Currently the Department is exploring options to ensure the training is updated annually. This effort is to ensure that members are not receiving the same information year after year, and that the content stays current with industry standards.

Regarding the goal of providing public awareness training during Department Geographical Bureau Public Safety Advisory Meetings, the format, content of material, and presentation delivery is currently being assessed and developed.

### Data Tracking

#### Goal 4

The Department now has three avenues for reporting DV or HT incidents. These include the Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) form, an F-225 written report, and an on-line reporting platform.

The creation of the on-line report form allows for immediate notification and provides an avenue of checks and balances between the ePCR and on-line data collection.

To date in 2018, there have been 10 incidents of possible domestic violence and three incidents of possible human trafficking reported.



Target Solutions provides for the ability to track and document the number of members who have completed the DV/HT training. During the third quarter of 2018, 415 members completed the training. To date the total number of members trained is 3040 (89%).

### Collaboration

#### Goal 6

The Department continues to collaborate with the Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Alliance, Rainbow Services, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Mayor's Coalition of DV Liaisons. These agencies are vital to the success of the Department's education and outreach regarding DV and HT.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Department recognizes the devastating impact that domestic violence and human trafficking has on the lives of Angelenos. It is committed to ensuring that every Department member is trained to identify potential DV or HT incidents and take the appropriate measures to ensure the safety and welfare of identified victims.

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