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The blueprint *for* safety

[COMMUNITY NAME]

A United Response to Battering & Domestic Violence Crimes

[AGENCY NAME]

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Part 1
What is the [Community Name]
Blueprint for Safety?

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How the Blueprint came to [community]

- 2007 – 2010: Blueprint for Safety created and tested in St. Paul, MN (and continues today)
- 2011 - 2015: OVW selected 3 communities to adapt the Blueprint & produce a how-to guide
- [INSERT date and key points of local history]

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Practice Assessment & Policy Writing

- Who was involved?
- What happened?
- The [Local] Blueprint Policy
  - Agency-specific
  - As a collective policy

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Now: Launch & Implement with Agency Training

- •Who is involved?
- •What happens next?

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The [Community County] Blueprint for Safety Partners

The Blueprint for Safety

Next generation of innovation to end battering	Comprehensive approach to confronting this crime
Collective policy for CJS agencies	New way of working together

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Blueprint key features

Single, overarching policy

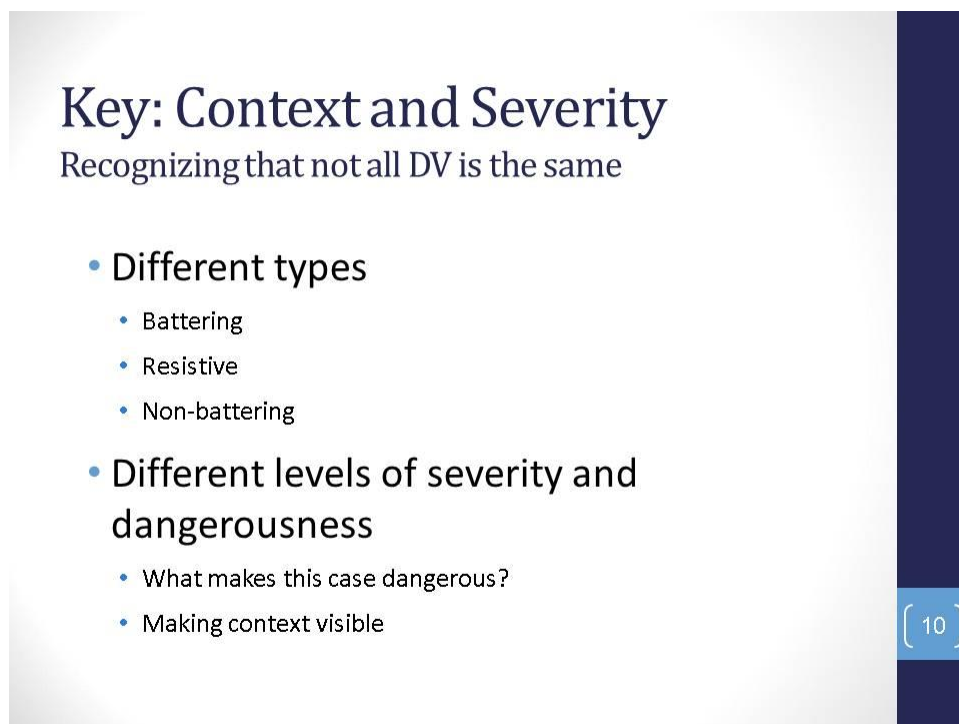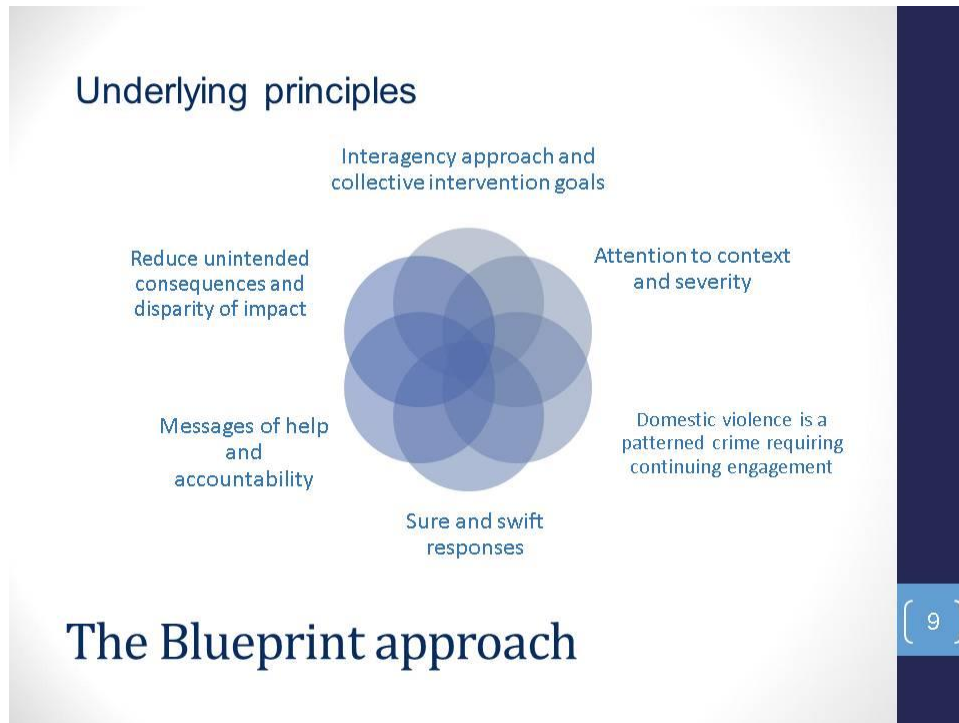Supported by research, 30 years of practice

Identify, document, communicate, and act on risk and danger

Grounded in experiences of victims – engage with victims

Inter- and intra-agency monitoring

Structure for ongoing problem solving

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Underlying principles

Interagency approach and
collective intervention goals

Reduce unintended
consequences and
disparity of impact

Attention to context
and severity

Messages of help
and
accountability

Domestic violence is a
patterned crime requiring
continuing engagement

Sure and swift
responses

The Blueprint approach

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Key: Context and Severity
Recognizing that not all DV is the same

- Different types
  - Battering
  - Resistive
  - Non-battering

- Different levels of severity and dangerousness
  - What makes this case dangerous?
  - Making context visible

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What changes?
As a result of the Blueprint…

From key, first steps by 911 & patrol, entire CJS better positioned to identify:

1. Under-identified crimes: stalking, witness tampering, strangulation

2. Evidence about risk and danger

3. Self-defense

4. Primary aggressor

5. Battering cases from non-battering

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Part 2
What changes for [agency or practitioner] under the Blueprint for Safety?

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[AGENCY NAME] Policy

- List title and general order number of final policy
- Review any handouts or other material
- Reference related Blueprint Training Memos
- Steps agency personnel must take to verify receipt of policy

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911: the First to Engage

- Recognize the importance of establishing a relationship between the victim and the entire system by this first interaction
- Convey messages:
  - You called the right place
  - Help is on the way

Blueprint Enhancements to 911 Call-Taking

- Improving the coding of calls
  - Better identification of parties' relationship
  - Use of Violation Order of Protection code
  - Recoding calls for accuracy

Determining the Response Priority

- Code calls as a Priority 2 (crime in progress)

  (Weapon involved; physical assault; violence imminent; severe threats; suspect GOA but may return)

- Code calls a Priority 3 otherwise

  (Suspect not likely to return; violation of a court order report; verbal argument; third party with no information)

Detailed Information to Responding Officers

- Identify all parties involved
- Specific details of what caller saw and heard
- Specifics on what is happening now
- Determine risk to officers and parties present

Improved Information for Officers on Background

- Determine history at address and relay to officer
- Determine warrants and relay
- Existence of order for protection, harassment, criminal no-contact orders
- Suspect on probation

Attend to Safety Needs While Officers in Route

- Protecting caller from retaliation
- Inquire about children's welfare
- Safety instructions
- Medical instructions
- Talking to suspect

Interagency Information Sharing

- When there are arrests email the CAD printout and any related court order to bail screening
  - Makes affidavit information available to bail evaluators
- E-mail CAD report to probation contact
  - Notifies supervising probation agent of new police contact
  - Alerts presentence investigation writer to new police contact between conviction and sentencing

Notifications

Notify the shift supervisor when one of the parties involved is a police or public safety officer, 911 employee, public official, or prominent member of the public.

Questions?

- Consult supervisor
- Review policy and training memos

[ADD SPECIFIC AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION]

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