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The

blueprint
for safety

[Community Name]

A United Response to Battering & Domestic Violence Crimes

[AGENCY NAME / PATROL RESPONSE]

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Part 1

What is the [Community
Name]
Blueprint for Safety?

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How the Blueprint came to [local 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
 - As a collective policy
 - Agency-specific

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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



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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

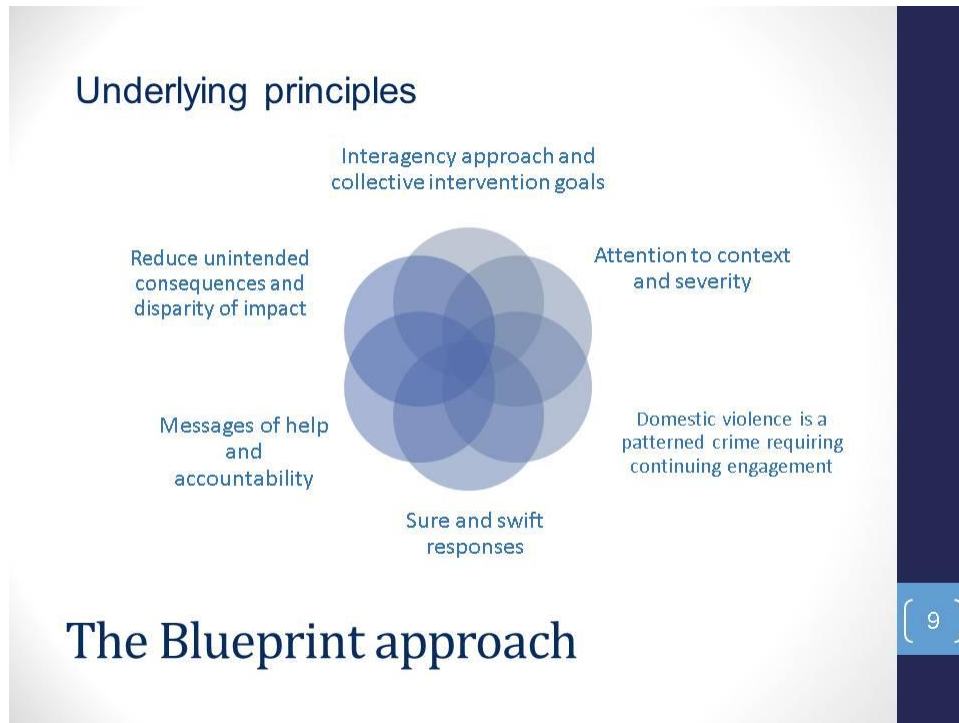
Identify, document, communicate, and act on risk and danger

Grounded in experiences of victims – engage with victims

Inter- and intra-agency monitoring

Structure for ongoing problem solving

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Key: Context and Severity

Recognizing 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, 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 patrol 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 officers must take to verify receipt of policy

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Blueprint highlights: the “risk questions”

1. Do you think he/she will seriously injure or kill you, your children, or someone else close to you? (What makes you think so? Think not?)
2. How frequently does he/she intimidate, threaten, or assault you? Is it changing? Getting worse? Better?
3. Describe the time that you were the most frightened or injured by him/her.
4. Have you ever been threatened for seeking help?

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Blueprint Highlights, cont.

Arrest decision when both parties have used illegal violence

- Dual arrest discouraged
- Self-defense first
 - Arrest party not acting in self-defense
- If no self-defense, predominant aggressor
 - Arrest preferred response only with predominant aggressor

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Assess for self-defense first

- Assess for self-defense first
 - Arrest the party not acting in self-defense
- If no self-defense, determine the predominant aggressor
 - Arrest is the preferred response only with predominant aggressor

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Blueprint Highlights, cont.

Strengthen identification and evidence collection related to under-identified crimes:

- Strangulation
- Stalking
- Witness intimidation

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Blueprint Highlights, cont.

- Enhanced evidence collection & information to assist investigation
 - Spontaneous statements
 - Witness statements
 - Whether victim ever threatened for seeking help from police or others
- Domestic Violence Patrol Report Checklist

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Questions?

- Consult shift / command supervisor
- Review policy and training memos

[ADD SPECIFIC AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION]

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