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Domestic Violence Lethality Screen for San Francisco Police Department First Responders

Inform victim: We are concerned for your safety. We have some questions we would like to ask you to try to figure out how dangerous your situation is. We understand you may have answered these earlier, we just need a 'yes' or 'no' to each question, this will only take a few minutes. We are asking these questions so we can assist you in connecting you with confidential services, if needed.

Officer:	Date:	Report #:
Victim:	Offender:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if victim did not answer any of the questions or had a barrier to communication		
Step 1: A "yes" to any of the questions #1-3 triggers the protocol referral.		
1. Has your (former) partner ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
2. Has your (former) partner threatened to kill you or your children?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
3. Do you think your (former) partner might try to kill you?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
Step 2: A "yes" to at least 4 of #4-11 triggers the protocol referral.		
4. Does your (former) partner have a gun or can they get one easily?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
5. Has your (former) partner ever tried to strangle (choke) you?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
6. Is your (former) partner violently or constantly jealous, or do they control most of your daily activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
7. Have you left your (former) partner or separated after living together or being married?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
8. Is your (former) partner unemployed?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
9. Has your (former) partner ever tried to kill themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
10. Do you have a child that your (former) partner knows is not theirs?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
11. Does your (former) partner follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> not answered	
An officer may also trigger the protocol of referral based on the victim's response to Question 12 or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.		
12. Is there anything else that worries you about your safety? If yes, what worries you?		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim screened in according to protocol: A "yes" on questions #1-3, or "yes" to at least 4 of #4-11 triggers the protocol referral. <input type="checkbox"/> Victim screened in based on observation of risk by the officer (#12) <input type="checkbox"/> Victim did not screen in		
If victim screened in: After advising the victim of a high danger assessment, did the victim speak with a hotline counselor?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Referral Protocol

If the victim screens in for a referral:

- 1) The officer shall advise the victim that they may be at higher risk of danger, and let them know the officer will be contacting a confidential domestic violence advocate at La Casa de las Madres who can counsel the victim on safety planning and other advocacy. La Casa is a private, confidential non-profit that can assist with safety-planning, shelter, counseling, advocacy, legal referrals, relocation, and other needed services. The officer will advise the victim that they are not required to speak with the advocate. The officer shall always contact the advocate when the officer has made the determination that the victim maybe at higher risk of danger. The officer shall never insist or pressure the victim to speak with the advocate.
- 2) The officer shall turn off the body worn camera ("BWC") to ensure the confidentiality of the conversation between the victims and the advocate or the officer and advocate. The officer shall document the turning off of the BWC as specified in Section III. G of DGO 10.11 and the reason for doing so. In addition the officer shall advise the victim again when the BWC is being turned back on after the conversation with the advocate is complete.
- 3) The officer shall call the confidential domestic violence advocate. The officer shall use the officer's phone to access the hotline unless the victim prefers to use their own phone. The victim is not required to speak with an advocate. The officer should allow the victim to speak with the advocate privately. Before allowing a victim to use a Department issued cell phone, the officer should always ensure that any Department related confidential information is safeguarded and will not be compromised. If victim does not want to speak to the advocate, officer shall convey safety tips from the advocate to the victim.
 - The officer will call the La Casa de las Madres hotline at: 877.503.1850
 - As backup, the officer can call the W.O.M.A.N., Inc. hotline at: 415.864.4722
- 4) The officer shall scan this Lethality Screen form, upload it to the report and book the form.

Note: The questions above aim to determine the level of risk an individual faces based on the best available research of which factors correlate with lethal violence from a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that may not be captured by the questions above. Cases that screen positive face a higher risk of serious violence than other victims of intimate partner violence, but no screen can predict with absolute certainty the level or risk.

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