

5. The scope of outreach efforts by the department to victims of domestic violence in cases where a perpetrator violates an order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

As detailed in section 6, the Department makes considerable efforts to reach out to and help victims of domestic violence, including instances where an offender has violated an order of protection. Domestic Violence Prevention Officers (“DVPO”) will prioritize victims who have been the victim of significant violence or have had their orders of protection violated.

6. Any other interventions by the department that relate to domestic violence.

The NYPD employs DVPOs, who are police officers / detectives that receive specialized training in working with victims of domestic violence. DVPOs are tasked with a wide array of duties, but one of the primary goals of DVPOs is to work with victims of domestic violence on the victim’s terms.

DVPOs visit victims of domestic violence in their homes and assess the victim's physical and emotional well-being, determine whether the perpetrator has had contact with the victim, help work on personal safety plans, offer an array of services, provide access to counseling services and shelter referrals, and help with court referrals.

DVPOs also do significant community outreach to provide information to individuals about services that are available even in the absence of police intervention. This includes information about safety planning, advice and services for people who are being stalked, and information for teens relating to partner violence. DVPOs also encourage people to report domestic violence in order to bring this crime out into the light.

The NYPD also runs the High Propensity and Child at Risk Program. Placement in that program may be driven by violations of orders of protection, having multiple domestic violence incidents, or having a particularly violent incident. This program would trigger the victim to be visited at least 2 times within a 28-day period.

In addition to the DVPOs, the NYPD established the Crime Victim Assistance Program (“CVAP”) under the guidance of Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ), which works with victim advocates, employees of Safe Horizon, the nation’s largest victim services agency, who work hand-in-hand communicating daily with personnel in every precinct and police service area. CVAP advocates receive special training in issues surrounding domestic violence and victimization. They are charged with mitigating the trauma associated with the aftermath of crime, particularly one as deeply personal as domestic violence. CVAP advocates help victims navigate the criminal justice system, provide emotional support and service referrals, help prevent repeat victimization, help the victim obtain services, such as safe affordable housing, emergency NYCHA transfers and link victims to community-based organizations that can provide specific care.

The NYPD has also revamped its U-visa program and actively works with victims who are undocumented immigrants to provide certifications for U-visas, in order for victims to obtain legal status in this country.