



City of Dallas

Domestic Violence Update

Public Safety Committee

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Presentation Overview



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Purpose



- Provide data on the reduction of domestic violence crime.
- Discuss historical and year to date metrics.
- LAP 2.0 Update and Strangulation.
- Discuss prevention efforts made by Domestic Violence Unit.
- Review services provided to victims.



Definitions



- **Family Violence-** defined by the Texas Family Code as an act by one member against another of the same family/household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault.
- **Intimate Partner Violence-** violence by a current or former partner in an intimate relationship against the other partner.
- **Lethality Assessment-** questionnaire/criteria for determining the level of risk, of lethal violence, a person faces by current/former intimate partner.



Definitions Continued



- **High Risk Domestic Violence Victim-** victims who suffer serious bodily injury (i.e. shooting, stabbing, broken bones, strangulation, hospitalization).
- **Strangulation-** an assault offense where an actor intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly impedes a person's breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure to the neck or blocking the nose or mouth. This is specifically known as "Assault by impeding Breathing or Circulation" and classified as a third-degree felony.



Domestic Violence Metrics (Complete Year Comparison)



Family Violence Offenses	2022	2023	2024
Murder	22	28	20
Agg Assault	1,851	1,633	1,610
Simple Assault	11,011	9,866	9, 798
Kidnapping	104	102	110
Sex Offenses	387	350	294
Total	13, 375	11, 979	11, 832
Percent Change From Prior Year	-2.72%	-11.01%	-1.23%



Domestic Violence Metrics (YTD 2025)



Family Violence Offenses	YTD LY	YTD	Percent Change YTD
Murder	18	20	+11.11%
Agg Assault	1, 235	1, 175	-4.86%
Simple Assault	7,485	7, 201	-3.79%
Kidnapping	90	96	+6.67%
Sex Offenses	219	270	+23.29%



Intimate Partner Violence (YTD 2025)



Family Violence Offenses	Intimate Partner %	Non-Intimate Partner %
Murder	33.33%	66.67%
Agg Assault	43.31%	56.69%
Kidnapping	62.50%	37.50%
Sex Offenses	12.50%	87.50%
Total	43.19%	56.81%



Strangulation (YTD 2025)



Family Violence Offenses	YTD	YTD LY	Percent Change YTD
Strangulation NO IMPED BREATH/CIR	816	848	-3.77%
Strangulation LOSS IMPED BREATH	87	78	+11.54%

Due to the increase in Strangulation Offenses, and the severity of the nature of the offense, the LAP assessment form was update to access the danger of the victim and to provide immediate care.



Fugitive Unit



YTD 2024:

- The Fugitive Unit arrested 214 offenders for outstanding family violence warrants.
- Of those 214 offenders, 75 had been arrested previously for family violence offenses.

YTD 2025:

- The Fugitive Unit arrested 320 offenders for outstanding family violence warrants.
- Of those 320 offenders, 100 had been arrested previously for family violence offenses.

This year, in addition to the fugitive Unit, we utilized our CRT and covert units to maximize our arrest efforts.

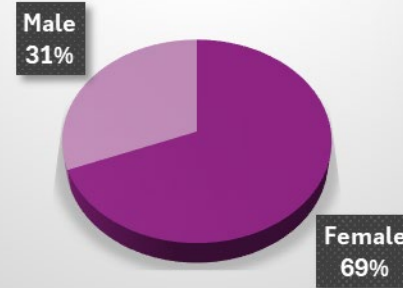
- Additionally, we prioritized offenders with previous history with intimate partners and repeat offenders.



Victimology Breakdown (YTD 2025)



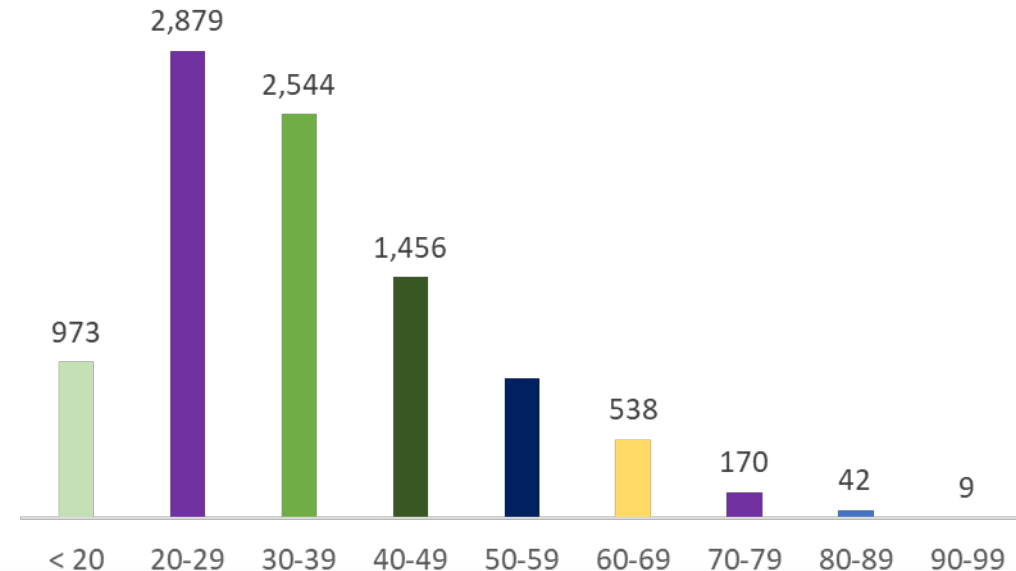
Victim Gender



Race of Victims



Age of Victims



AS of 9/30/25



Repeat Victims



- Identified **112 repeat victims** (YTD) that had 3 or more offenses committed against them.
- In 2024 we identified 227 total repeat victims that had 3 or more offenses committed against them.
- DPD Advocate reached out to all victims and checked on their safety and provided other resources. These resources include:
 - Safety Planning
 - Protective Orders
 - Risk Assessment
 - Coordination with Shelters
 - Legal Assistance



Lethality Assessment Program



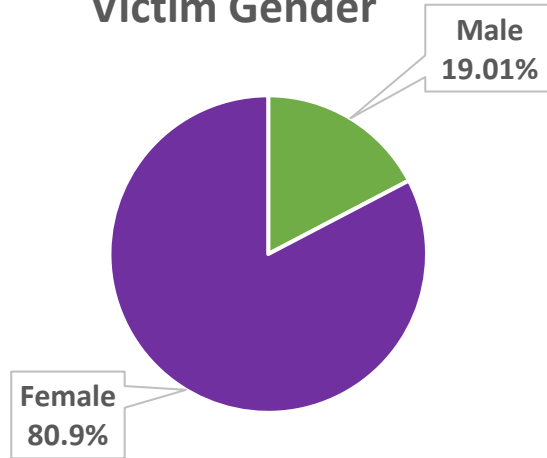
- Lethality Assessment or LAP is a safety plan for High Danger Victims.
 - Prioritizing the Risk of each victim.
 - Ensuring Immediate Safety.
 - Coordination with Shelters.
- Working with District Attorney's Office to expedite the judicial process, identifying cases that are high risk, request for high bond, electronic monitoring and protective orders.
- Coordination with Fugitive Unit for prompt arrests.
- Notifying ATF liaison on cases that implicate firearm violations.



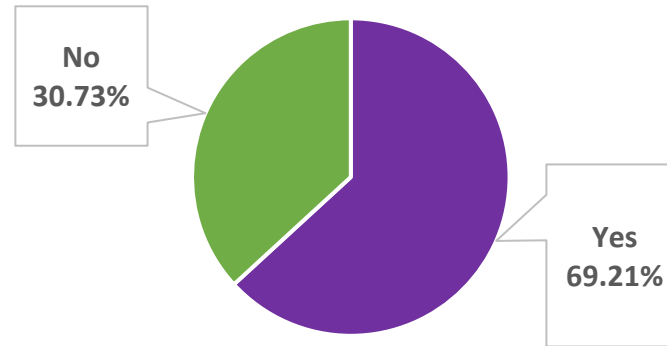
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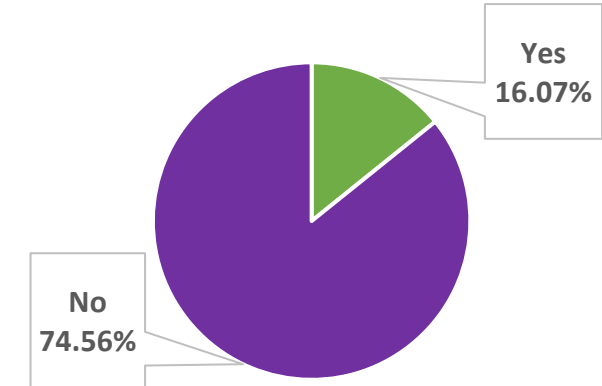
Victim Gender



Qualified for Screen- In



Spoke with Counselor



Lethality Assessments are completed by a patrol officer in the field on all intimate partner offenses as part of the report taking process. Total YTD Lethality Assessments : 3,361.



Top Multi-FV Agg Assault Locations YTD



- Top Multi-Family Agg Assault Locations were identified:
 - *Village Oaks Apts.*
 - *Exchange 7272*
 - *Trinity Trails Apts.*
 - *Montecito Creek Apts.*
 - *Sage Pointe Apts*
- Hosted “EmpowerHER” event by Domestic Violence detectives partnered with Councilwoman Blackmon and NPO unit at these locations regarding DV Prevention, employment and counseling services.
- Hosted approximately 60 crime prevention meeting with the NPO unit at top apartment locations.



Top Multi-FV Outreach Events



2403 Millmar Dr.



10010 Whitehurst Dr.



October Domestic Violence Awareness Operation



- Operation Safe Families
 - Weekly arrest of our violent and repeat offenders.
- New Domestic Violence Awareness Video.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Training.
- Implementation of LAP 2.0. Update our current Lethality Assessment Program form with new questions and create an electronic version.
 - Implementation of each patrol officer with Cell Phones to complete LAP Assessment electronically.
- EmpowerHer
 - Month operation for the collection of personal hygiene items.



Next steps



- Continuation of successful partnerships with Genesis Women's Shelter, The Family Place and Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence.
- Updating our communication awareness when accessing High Danger victims and assisting with 24-hour safety plan.
- Continued assessment of metrics to identify top locations for Aggravated Assaults FV quarterly.
- Increasing number of community events attended.





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