Domestic Violence Investigation and Response Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Identify and assess patterns of coercive control in domestic violence cases.
2. Apply trauma-informed investigative techniques during victim interviews.
3. Understand the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on domestic violence.
4. Utilize risk assessment tools to evaluate imminent danger in DV cases.
5. Improve forensic documentation of physical and psychological injuries.
6. Navigate domestic violence laws and protective orders effectively.
7. Employ interdisciplinary collaboration strategies for coordinated community responses.
8. Promote culturally responsive practices in diverse populations.
9. Address digital abuse and cyberstalking in modern domestic violence cases.
10. Manage offender profiling and behavioral red flags.
11. Implement survivor safety planning techniques tailored to different scenarios.
12. Integrate gender-based violence frameworks into investigative strategies.
13. Enhance emergency response protocols for high-risk domestic violence situations.

Target Audiences

1. Law Enforcement Officers
2. Social Workers
3. Domestic Violence Advocates
4. Prosecutors & Legal Professionals
5. Healthcare Providers
6. Crisis Hotline Operators
7. Child Protection Workers
8. Court-Appointed Guardians & Victim Witness Coordinators

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Domestic Violence

- Types of abuse: physical, emotional, financial, and psychological
- The cycle of violence and patterns of behavior
- Recognizing coercive control tactics
- Impact on victims and communities
- Red flags and risk factors for escalation
- **Case Study:** Survivor perspective in long-term abuse case

Module 2: Legal Framework and Policies

- Domestic violence laws and statutes
- Restraining and protective order procedures

- Mandatory reporting obligations
- Police discretion vs. mandatory arrest policies
- Understanding victim rights and legal advocacy
- **Case Study:** Legal outcomes from a protection order violation

Module 3: Trauma-Informed Investigations

- Principles of trauma-informed care
- Avoiding re-traumatization during interviews
- Building trust and rapport with survivors
- Recognizing PTSD and emotional shutdown
- Adapting investigations for complex trauma cases
- **Case Study:** Interviewing a non-verbal trauma survivor

Module 4: Risk Assessment and Danger Evaluation

- Structured risk assessment tools (e.g., Danger Assessment)
- Identifying imminent threats and lethality indicators
- Working with victims to develop safety plans
- Red flag behaviors from perpetrators
- Responding to escalating threats
- **Case Study:** Using risk tools to prevent a homicide

Module 5: Forensic Documentation & Evidence Collection

- Photographing injuries and property damage
- Preserving digital and physical evidence
- Writing comprehensive and factual reports
- Documentation in strangulation cases
- Chain of custody and evidence integrity
- **Case Study:** Successful prosecution based on documentation

Module 6: Child Witnesses and Impact

- Developmental effects of DV exposure on children
- Interviewing child witnesses appropriately
- Coordinating with child welfare services
- Recognizing signs of trauma and abuse
- Court preparation for child testimony
- **Case Study:** Child witness testimony in a custody case

Module 7: Offender Behavior and Profiling

- Common psychological traits of abusers
- Manipulation and grooming of victims
- Stalking and post-separation control
- Identifying patterns in repeat offenders
- Linking DV with other criminal behavior
- **Case Study:** Behavioral escalation from stalking to assault

Module 8: Cultural Competency in Domestic Violence Response

- Addressing barriers to reporting in marginalized communities
- Understanding cultural norms and traditions
- Language access and interpretation services
- Working with undocumented survivors

- Avoiding bias in investigation and service delivery
- **Case Study:** Cultural sensitivity in immigrant DV case

Module 9: Digital Abuse and Cyberstalking

- Identifying signs of technology-facilitated abuse
- Collecting digital evidence: texts, emails, GPS
- Social media monitoring and digital threats
- Educating victims on digital safety
- Legal responses to cyber harassment
- **Case Study:** Social media evidence in harassment trial

Module 10: Survivor Safety Planning

- Safety planning in emergency vs. long-term contexts
- Shelter and relocation resources
- Customizing plans for LGBTQ+ survivors
- Coordinating with advocacy services
- Reassessing plans after incidents or threats
- **Case Study:** Lifesaving safety plan in rural setting

Module 11: Interagency Coordination and Response

- Benefits of a coordinated community response (CCR)
- Working with courts, hospitals, shelters, and NGOs
- Information sharing and confidentiality
- Interagency DV task forces and response teams
- Protocols for high-risk case review
- **Case Study:** Multi-agency intervention success story

Module 12: Emergency Response Protocols

- 911 call triage for DV scenarios
- Scene safety assessment for first responders
- Tactical entry considerations
- Emergency protection orders
- Coordination with medics and child services
- **Case Study:** Crisis de-escalation in real-time callout

Module 13: Advocacy and Victim Support Services

- Role of DV advocates in investigation
- Referral networks and victim services
- Counseling and shelter services
- Empowerment-based advocacy
- Long-term recovery support
- **Case Study:** Rebuilding survivor stability through advocacy

Module 14: Courtroom Testimony and Legal Procedures

- Preparing for testimony in DV cases
- Working with prosecutors and defense attorneys
- Handling cross-examination
- Presenting forensic and psychological evidence
- Jury education on DV dynamics
- **Case Study:** Testimony leading to conviction

Module 15: Program Evaluation and Ongoing Learning

- Measuring training effectiveness
- Tracking outcomes and case resolution metrics
- Continuous improvement through feedback
- Post-training support resources
- Certification and continuing education options
- **Case Study:** Improved arrest-to-conviction rate after training

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and multimedia presentations
- Role-playing and simulated case exercises
- Small group discussions and team-based problem solving
- Expert guest speakers (e.g., detectives, survivors, advocates)
- Real-world case study analysis
- Assessment via quizzes, mock interviews, and report writing

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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