

Session nine

Recording, and practicing our skills

Participants will:

- List, discuss and debate the details police need to record following a domestic violence incident
- practice communication skills in roleplay situations

Recording

- How do you record information or details about domestic violence situations?
- What details do you record?
- What information do you think is really important to be collected by police officers attending the scene, or taking the complaint from the victim?

There are some well recognised best practice principles for responding to domestic violence.

Principle 1 – Victim Safety

- What information should we record or provide to give the best protection to victims?

Principle 2 – Offender Accountability

- What information should we record or share with other partner agencies to make offenders most accountable for their violence?

Principle 3 – Working together with others

- What other information could police provide to other agencies or departments to improve our communities response to domestic violence?

Effective partnerships

Objective

Participants who have completed this session will:

- be able to identify the qualities of effective partnerships

- What do you see as your main objectives for policing domestic violence in the Pacific?
- What do you think the key agencies (outside of the police) would have as their main objectives to do with domestic violence?

Effective partnerships revolve around common goals and objectives, along with all of the qualities you have just identified as important in relationships.

Panel meeting

Objectives

Participants will:

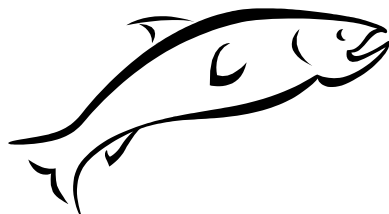
- gain an understanding about what is happening in the community from other organisations perspectives
- be informed about how other organisations would like the police to work with them in partnership to reduce domestic violence

LESSONS FROM THE BEACH...

While walking along the beach, next to the lagoon, a tourist spotted an old man who had been out fishing.

As they walked along, the tourist noticed that the old man bent down to pick up something off the beach and tossed it back into the water.

As the tourist got closer he realised that the old man was bending down to throw fish back into the sea, as there had been hundreds of little fish thrown up onto the sand.



When the tourist got closer to the old man he asked:

“Why do you bother to do that? Throwing one fish back at a time won’t make any difference at all..”

The old man replied, as he picked up another; “Well, I certainly made a difference to that one... ‘Quietly walking further down the beach he continued to pick up one fish at a time and throw them back into the sea.

With the work you do on domestic violence, you too, can make a difference one fish at a time.

Each time you respond effectively to domestic violence, each time you prosecute an offender for domestic violence, you are making a difference one fish at a time.

One person, can make a difference.