



SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING BULLETIN

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Edgardo Garcia
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY
ASSESSMENT Section of Form 204-24c

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Lethality Assessment Form

The Lethality Assessment section of the Domestic Violence (DV) Reporting Guide for GO Form 204-24c is used to predict danger and lethality in domestic violence incidents. The assessment encourages victims in high danger to seek domestic violence program services to prevent serious injury or death.

A revision was made to the Lethality Assessment section of Form 204-24c, adding victim information and inquiring if the victim would speak to a DV Advocate if the officer called. The updated forms are located at Central Supply. The automated Domestic Violence Supplemental template will be revised on July 24, 2020, to reflect the changes. Remember to update your Help Tables.

Per the current Domestic Violence Protocol, it is required that the Lethality Assessment be provided to the Office of Pre-Trial Services as soon as practical. To fulfill this requirement, officers will now attach a copy of the Lethality Assessment to the Felony Affidavit whenever filing the affidavit with the Warrants Unit or at the Santa Clara County Jail in association with a domestic violence charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgardo Garcia".

Edgardo Garcia
Chief of Police

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ATTACHMENT: Updated Lethality Assessment Section of Form 204-24c

