

# The Connecticut General Assembly



## Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Response and Enhancement Advisory Council Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence Model Policy Subcommittee

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Atty. Gail Hardy, Lt. Ryan Maynard, Andrea O'Connor, Chief Robert Rosado, Chief Alaric Fox, Merit Lajoie, Shauna Harrington, Tpr. Daniel Richman, Daniel Cargill

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- Daniel Cargill called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

#### II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Daniel Cargill offered welcoming remarks, and Council members introduced themselves.

#### III. SELECTION OF TWO CHAIRPERSONS

- Motion to nominate Chief Alaric Fox and Daniel Cargill to serve as co-chairs of the Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence Model Policy Subcommittee made by Atty. Gail Hardy, seconded by Merit Lajoie and unanimously approved.

#### IV. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE MODEL POLICY

- Chairman Daniel Cargill provided a review of the administrative changes, which included the updated January 2024 revision date on the cover and subsequent relative pages with a date. Additionally, the table of contents chapter page numbers were adjusted to reflect the new or removed content.
- A brief history of the creation of the model policy was provided, and the forward, policy purpose, and definitions were reviewed. Administrative changes to statute hyperlinks and the removal of references to old public acts were reviewed.
- Within the Telecommunications chapter, the acronym "OOP" was removed, and the words "orders of protection" were added to ensure clarity. The words "present or" were added to the section concerning children involved to reinforce the legislative update requiring law enforcement to provide mental health resources to the victim if children are present.

- Under the “Responding Officer” chapter, language was added to clarify that investigations of violations of orders of protection are family violence investigations.
- Members discussed substituting “upon speedy information” under the General Considerations chapter with “probable cause” to better represent the process identified in the language of 46b-38a(3). Further down in the chapter covers the different circumstances, including speedy information a family violence arrest may take place.
- Members discussed adding or removing language under the sworn personnel within an agency involved in a family violence incident chapter to ensure an internal investigation will be completed. The language “if such a division exists within the law enforcement agency.” Was removed, clarifying the sentence to indicate that an internal affairs investigation will be conducted.
- The Domestic Violence Alert Notification/GPS Program chapter was updated to reflect the current expansion and language within Public Act 23-106.
- Under the Criminal Possession of a Firearm chapter, several changes were made to reflect updated language in CGS 53a-217 and 53a-217c.
- Seizure of Firearms under the Risk Protection Warrant /Order was rewritten to reflect the current process updated under Public Act 23-89.
- The Summary of Applicable VAWA Sections under federal law was updated to reflect current language under Title 18 of the US Criminal Code.

#### V. RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE MODEL POLICY NEXT STEP

- A motion was made by Chief Robert Rosado to present the recommended updates to the Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence Model Policy to the full council at the January 31, 2024, meeting, seconded by Atty. Gail Hardy and unanimously approved.

#### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Alaric Fox, seconded by Meritt Lajoie. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

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