Chicago Police Patrol Officer Survey

Key Findings

Police Response to Domestic Violence

- The majority (95%) of the officers surveyed had responded to a DV incident in the past six months.
- Over six months, on average, each officer gave 27 Domestic Incident Notices (DIN).
- ➤ In addition to the DIN, 82% of the officers reported providing additional information or help to victims (calling the Help Line, providing OP information, transporting to safer locations).

The Study

On March 16, 2005, the CPD administered the survey to all Chicago Patrol Officers in each of the 25 districts on all 3 shifts

1202 officers completed the 17-question survey.

Officer's Occupation:

93% Beat Officers

4% Supervisors

2% Community Policing

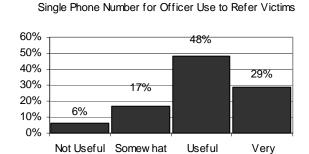
1% TAC Officers

0.3% Other

Assessment of Features of the Help Line

• 77% thought the single citywide phone number that the Help Line provided was a useful or very useful feature of the Help Line.

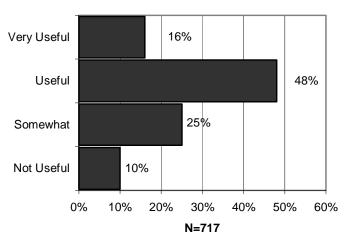
Useful



N=927

• 64% of Officers thought the Help Line is useful or very useful to victims.

Help Line as a Resouce to DV Victims



Survey Completion % Surveys by Shift 34% 1st Shift 27% 2nd Shift 39% 3rd Shift **#Surveys** % of Total District 3% 1 32 69 2 6% 3 32 3% 4 33 3% 5 53 4% 6 24 2% 7 24 2% 8 29 2% 9 73 6% 10 94 8% 76 11 6% 12 8 1% 13 63 5% 71 6% 14 45 15 4% 16 37 3% 17 35 3% 18 67 6% 19 61 5% 20 4% 21 48 4% 22 35 3% 23 42 4% 24 43 4% 25 63 5% 1201 100%

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Officers Give Information about the Help Line

- > 74% of the officers who reported having tenure on their job before the inception of the Help Line found it easier to give a referral to a DV victim now than before the inception of the Help Line.
- ➤ Officers reported little difficulty with victims accepting the DIN, which includes the Help Line number.
- ➤ Only 10 % of officers report that a victim had expressed some hesitancy to call the Help Line because city government sponsors it. Of those officers, 17 reported that the victim refused to take the DIN.

Officer's Perceptions of Barriers to Victims Accessing Community-Based Services

• Officers rated how often they encountered situations where they believe a barrier might limit the victim's ability to utilize a domestic violence referral.

Officer's Perception of Difficulties

□ Sometimes/Often ■ Never/Hardly 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 58% 48% 45% 45% 20% 37% 29% 29% 24% 10% 0% Physical Disabilities Mental Disabilities Youth/Minor Victims Children/Dependents Sexual Orientation Language Barrier Male Victims of DV Elderly/Senior Victims (1067) Many Barrier and N

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