



LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP



Readiness to Lead

Supervisors and administrators who have engaged in any activity that meets the definition of domestic violence under Florida Statutes is **not qualified** to provide leadership within any agency to prevent officer-involved domestic violence.

Even if an officer has not broken the law regarding domestic violence, he or she may still be ineligible to lead in the state-wide violence prevention campaign if he or she has engaged in certain behaviors or has certain harmful attitudes.

Use the following questionnaire to determine your readiness to lead the effort to prevent officer-involved domestic violence.

Please answer the following questions.	YES	NO
1. Do you feel that women should be controlled in an intimate relationship?		
2. Do you become easily angered by frustration and unable to control your responses towards others?		
3. Have you ever made unfounded accusations against your intimate partner based on jealousy, fear of abandonment or "being cheated on?"		
4. Do you often pressure your partner to do things your way, even if your partner doesn't want to?		
5. Does your partner complain that you are trying to control your partner's life?		
6. When you treat others poorly, do you consider it the other person's fault?		
7. When you treat others poorly do you blame your behavior on alcohol, stress or family problems?		
8. Do you feel that women are inferior to men?		
9. Has your partner complained about jealous or possessive behavior on your part?		
10. Has your partner said she's afraid of you, or shown fear in other ways?		



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Please answer the following questions.	YES	NO
11. Are your children afraid of you?		
12. Do you frequently insult your partner, call your partner names, or say things that make your partner feel uncomfortable?		
13. Have you ever destroyed your partner's personal property (clothing, furniture, personal belongings or car)?		
14. Have you ever told your partner that you cannot live without your partner and your children?		
15. Do you consume excessive alcohol?*		
16. Do you control most or all of your partner's daily activities? (i.e. who your partner can be friends with, when your partner can see your family, how much money your partner can use, or when your partner can use the car)		
17. Do you call your partner's place of employment frequently to check on him or her?		
18. Do you feel as though you own and control your partner?		
19. If a colleague is exhibiting these kinds of behaviors, do you attribute them to gender roles, for instance "boys will be boys" or "men should be the head of the household"?		
20. Do you grow up in a family that used violence as a control factor?		
* For more information about alcohol consumption, take the Alcohol Use Self-Assessment Survey located on Page 6 of this Module.		

If you answered yes to any of these, you may have unresolved issues that would interfere with your ability to lead others in the state's violence prevention campaign. You might benefit from addressing these issues. Consider consulting your faith-based leader, private counselor, mental health professional, or Employee Assistance Program for a referral.