



Implementation of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence (DTFDV) Recommendations

DTFDV Implementation Plan

Statutory & Policy Updates

- ✓ Shipment of household goods
- ✓ Transitional compensation
- ✓ Fatality review
- ✓ Policy issuances

Education, Training, Collaboration

- ✓ DoJ/DoD partnership
- ✓ Law enforcement
- ✓ Victim advocates
- ✓ Chaplains
- ✓ Fatality review team members

All leading to
culture change

Public Awareness Campaign

- ✓ Family Violence Prevention Fund
- ✓ General population
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Victims
- ✓ Offenders

Victim Advocacy - \$5M

- ✓ Expand number of victim advocates

Statutory Updates

- **Household Goods**
 - Spouse or parent may request shipment
 - CONUS and OCONUS
 - Travel Reg updated to reflect changes
- **Transitional Compensation**
 - Commencement of payment
 - Service Secretary flexibility in authorizing eligibility
 - Voluntary and involuntary separations
- **Fatality Review**
 - Requires Military Services to conduct fatality reviews for fatalities known/suspected to have resulted from acts of domestic violence or child abuse.

**National
Defense
Authorization
Act
For
Fiscal
Year
2004**

Policy Updates

- **Policy issuances implementing DTFDV recommendations:**
 - **Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act (Nov. 2002)**
 - **Armed Forces Domestic Security Act (Nov. 2003)**
 - **Training**
 - **Chaplains (Jan. 2004)**
 - **Commanding officers/senior enlisted (Feb. 2004)**
 - **Health care providers (Feb. 2004)**

First
emphasis:
victim
safety

Policy Updates – cont'd

- **Establishing domestic violence memoranda of understanding (Jan. 2004)**
- **Establishing fatality review teams (Feb. 2004)**
- **Issuing Military Protective Orders (March 2004)**

Expansion of Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Program

- **Victim advocacy services generally include:**
 - Responding to victims' emergency and ongoing safety concerns and needs.
 - Providing information about programs and services available to victims and their children (both in the civilian and military communities).
 - Providing victims with ongoing support and referrals.
 - Accompanying victims to appointments with medical, legal and/or investigative personnel.

Expanding Victim Advocacy Services

- **Contract awarded in July 2003 to expand victim advocacy services.**
- **Capacity increased to handle up to 3,400 cases of victim advocate support.**

Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) Services

- **Services provided by victim/witness liaison personnel located at each military installation includes:**
 - **Information about benefits, military and civilian emergency services, restitution, counseling, treatment and other support, the military criminal justice process, and the status of the alleged offender in the criminal justice process.**
- **VWAP services differ from DV victim advocacy**
 - **VWAP staff address all crimes not just DV**
 - **VWAP staff do not conduct traditional safety planning or accompany victims to appointments, shelter etc.**
 - **DV advocates provide day-to-day support**
- **Both VWAP and DV advocacy services are important to victims**

DoD Domestic Violence Public Awareness Campaign

- **Contract awarded to the Family Violence Prevention Fund**
- **Campaign message directed at the general military population, leadership, victims and offenders**
- **Information about the National Domestic Violence Hotline will be included**

Training Partnerships with DoJ Grantees

- Fed. Law Enforcement Ctr. train-the-trainer
 - 5 events (Ft. Bragg, NC; Kings Bay, GA; San Diego, CA; Honolulu, HI; Hampton Roads, VA): 140 DoD personnel
 - Future event: (Seattle, WA): 35 DoD law personnel
- Battered Women Justice Program (BWJP) training for victim advocates
 - 1 event (Savannah, GA): 75 DoD victim advocates
 - Future event (Spokane, WA): 75 DoD victim advocates
- FaithTrust training for chaplains
 - 1 event (Washington, DC) 50 chaplains
 - 2 future events: 100 DoD chaplains
- National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative training for Services' team members
 - 1 future event: 100 DoD personnel

Collaboration

- **Department of Justice**
- **White House Office on Domestic Policy**
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
- **National Domestic Violence Organizations**
- **Former DTFDV members**

Implementation Oversight

- **Senior leadership oversight**
 - **DoD Under Secretary Level**
 - **Service Assistant Secretaries**
 - **Service Personnel Chiefs**
- **Quarterly meetings with Service Headquarters Family Advocacy Program Managers**
- **OSD review of Services' implementation policies.**
- **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136)**
- **Comptroller General Review and Report**

New Parent Support Program

- **Department's primary child abuse/neglect prevention program**
 - **2 levels of service**
 - **Standard**
 - **Parenting education, information and referral to all expectant and new parents**
 - **Plus**
 - **Intensive home visiting services**
 - **May prevent intimate partner violence in the future**

Family Advocacy Program

Current funding of \$120M provides:

- All FAP prevention and intervention activities
- Approximately 1,100 government staff world wide and 700 contractors
- Of the approximate 1,800 above, there are 106 victim advocates as follows:

Army – 47	Navy – 29
Marines – 30	Air Force – 0

2004-2005 Activities

- **Issuance of policy memoranda for domestic abuse protocols:**
 - **Victim advocate**
 - **Commanding officer**
 - **Law enforcement**
- **Issue Directive stating DoD policy re: domestic abuse**
- **Issue Instruction/Manual re: responding to domestic abuse**

2004-2005 Activities – cont'd

- **Continue collaboration with DoJ grantees and civilian DV organizations**
 - **Training conferences**
 - **Commanding officer**
 - **Victim advocate**
 - **Law enforcement**
 - **Chaplains**
 - **Continue research comparing rates of DV in military and civilian populations**
 - **Evaluate Air Force FAP Case Review Committee process revision**

Summary

Of the 194 Task Force Recommendations referred to DoD for action:

- **DoD agreed with 147**
- **Agreed to study an additional 28**

Of these 175 recommendations:

- **65 have been implemented,**
- **91 are being staffed**
- **19 are being further studied**