

626.5537 DOMESTIC ABUSE; REPORTING.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Domestic abuse" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), and also includes the following, if committed against a family or household member by a family or household member:

- (1) violation of an order for protection within the meaning of section 518B.01, subdivision 14;
- (2) violation of a harassment restraining order within the meaning of section 609.748, subdivision 6;
- (3) harassment or stalking within the meaning of section 609.749; and
- (4) violation of a domestic abuse no contact order within the meaning of section 629.75, subdivision 2.

(c) "Family or household member" has the meaning given in section 518B.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).

Subd. 2. **Collection of information; reporting.** The head of a local law enforcement agency or state law enforcement department that employs peace officers, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), must report every incident a peace officer reasonably believes, or a victim alleges, constitutes an act of domestic abuse to the commissioner of public safety by January 15 each year. The superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension must adopt a reporting form to be used by law enforcement agencies in making the reports required under this section. The reports must include all of the following for each incident:

- (1) the date of the incident;
- (2) the location of the incident;
- (3) the crime suspected to have been committed;
- (4) whether the response began as a call for service alleging an act of domestic abuse;
- (5) the perceived gender of the alleged victim and suspect;
- (6) the perceived race of the alleged victim and suspect;
- (7) whether a suspect was arrested at the time of the incident;
- (8) whether a suspect was arrested at a later date and, if so, the time between the incident and the arrest;
- (9) whether the alleged victim was arrested at the time of the incident and, if so, any alleged crime that formed the basis for the arrest;
- (10) whether the alleged offender possessed, or was reported to possess, a firearm at the time of the incident;
- (11) whether the case was referred for prosecution;
- (12) whether the determination that the incident constituted an act of domestic abuse was based on an officer's reasonable belief, the victim's allegation, or both; and
- (13) any additional information the superintendent deems necessary for the acquisition of accurate and relevant data.

Subd. 3. **Annual report.** The commissioner of public safety must summarize and analyze the information received under subdivision 2 and provide an annual report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety. The annual report may be included in the department's annual uniform crime report.

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