Montana Law Enforcement Academy
Law Enforcement Officers Basic Course
Scenario / Call Handling Simulations

Call Type: Domestic Violence 2
Location: Apartment – Spruce Apartment Building
Victim: Female Spouse (wife)
Suspect: Male Spouse (husband)
Witness: None
Complainant: Anonymous neighbor

Arrest: No
Evidence: Photograph of injury
Statements: Victim’s Statement
Concerned neighbor

Officer Risk Factor: Low

SCENARIO

Call Dispatch:
See the woman in the lobby of the Spruce Apartment Building located at 2260 Sierra Road East. Complainant reports that a woman may need assistance in regards to a suspected domestic violence issue. A male, believe to be the victims husband has left the scene in an unknown vehicle.

Victim:
Wife states that her husband was laid off from his job yesterday and failed to return home last night. Today, husband came home, obviously intoxicated, demanding money. When the wife refused to provide any money to the husband, he became irate and slapped the wife. Husband then left the apartment in an unknown vehicle, believed to be driven by an ex-coworker.

Suspect:
Husband, not at scene.

Witnesses:
None

Complainant:
Anonymous Neighbor

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES
Officer(s) will be evaluated on three areas of emphasis.
1. Proper Form Selection and Use
2. Investigative Skills
3. Knowledge of Criminal Statutes
SCENARIO: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2

| Officer #1: | Role Player: |
| Officer #2: | Evaluator: |
| Officer #3: | |

PROPER FORM SELECTION AND USE:
Evaluates the officer’s ability to properly utilize report forms and other necessary documents to accomplish the task.

[ ] Unacceptable
[ ] Needs Improvement
[ ] Meets Standards
[ ] Exceeds Standards

[5] EXCEEDS STANDARDS: Consistently and accurately recognizes and utilizes the necessary documents and forms to complete the task. Is familiar with these document and forms and can rapidly complete them without assistance. Displays high degree of accuracy.

[3] MEETS STANDARDS: Knows the commonly used reports and forms. Understands their use and completes the necessary forms and documents with reasonable accuracy and thoroughness.

[1] UNACCEPTABLE: Is unaware that a report or a form must be completed and/or is unable to complete the proper form for the given situation. Reports or forms are incomplete, inaccurate, or improperly used.

INVESTIGATION SKILLS:
Evaluates the officer’s ability to conduct a proper investigation including evidence recognition and handling, identification of the principal parties, and establishing an acceptable course of action.

[ ] Unacceptable
[ ] Needs Improvement
[ ] Meets Standards
[ ] Exceeds Standards

[5] EXCEEDS STANDARDS: Follows proper investigatory procedures and is accurate in diagnoses of offense committed. Elicits available information and records it accurately. Controls the crime scene. Recognizes and connects evidence with suspect even when not apparent. Effects comprehensive crime scene search when appropriate and engages in properly collecting, tagging, and logging of evidence.


[1] UNACCEPTABLE: Does not conduct a basic investigation or conducts investigations improperly. Unable to accurately diagnose offense committed. Does not elicit or record available information. Does not establish appropriate rapport with victims or other principal parties. Fails to recognize items that may have evidentiary value. Makes frequent mistakes when identifying, collecting or logging evidence. Does not connect evidence with suspect when apparent. Lacks skill in collection and preservation of evidence. Does not protect the crime scene.
KNOWLEDGE OF CRIMINAL STATUTES:
Evaluates the officers knowledge of the criminal statues and measures their ability to apply the most relevant and most appropriate criminal statue to the situation.

[1] - Unacceptable
[3] - Meets Standards
[5] - Exceeds Standards

[5] **EXCEEDS STANDARDS:** Has outstanding knowledge of the criminal statues and applies that knowledge to normal and unusual criminal activity. Chooses the most appropriate and relevant criminal statue to the situation. Understands those criminal statues that dictate specific procedures in the processes of investigation of specific crimes.

[3] **MEETS STANDARDS:** Recognizes commonly encountered criminal offenses and applies appropriate section of the code. Knows the difference between criminal and non-criminal activity. Is able to readily locate specific criminal statues that have application to specific crimes.

[1] **UNACCEPTABLE:** Does not know the elements or basic sections of the criminal statues. Does not recognize criminal offenses when encountered or makes mistakes relative to whether or not crimes have been committed, and if so, which crimes. Misapplies criminal statues to specific crimes. Is unable to locate within the criminal statues specific crimes or procedures that may have application to specific criminal activity.