



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 22- 06

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

From: Karen Boisvert [Digital Signature]
Academy Administrator

Date: December 15, 2022

Subject: Updated Family Violence Model Policy
New Notification Requirements Effective January 1, 2023

Please be advised that the Police Officer Standards and Training Council has been notified that the attached [Connecticut Statewide Policy](#) has been adopted and approved by the Model Policy Governing Council and is in effect as of this notice. Please disregard all versions prior to the December 2022 date.

In addition, this notice serves to advise your agency of **NEW** notification requirements in accordance with Public Act 22-47, Sec. 62 Subsection (f) and Sec. 63 which states:

Sec. 62. Subsection (f) of section 46b-38b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022): (f) It shall be the responsibility of the peace officer at the scene of a family violence incident to provide immediate assistance to the victim. Such assistance shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Assisting the victim to obtain medical treatment if such treatment is required; (2) notifying the victim of the right to file an affidavit for a warrant for arrest; (3) informing the victim of services available, including providing the victim with (A) contact information for a regional family violence organization that employs, or provides referrals to, counselors who are trained in providing trauma-informed care, [; (4)] and (B) on and after January 1, 2023, a copy of the information concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic violence published pursuant to section 10-10g, as amended by this act; (4) on and after January 1, 2023, if there is a child at the scene, providing the victim a copy of the documents concerning behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment resources available to children developed pursuant to

section 17a-22r for the mental health region in which such victim is located; (5) referring the victim to the Office of Victim Services; and [(5)] (6) providing assistance in accordance with the uniform protocols for treating victims of family violence whose immigration status is questionable, established pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. In cases where the officer has determined that no cause exists for an arrest, assistance shall include: (A) Assistance as provided in subdivisions (1) to [(5)] (6), inclusive, of this subsection; and (B) remaining at the scene for a reasonable time until, in the reasonable judgment of the officer, the likelihood of further imminent violence has been eliminated. For the purposes of this subsection, "trauma-informed care" means services (i) directed by a thorough understanding of the neurological, biological, psychological and social effects of trauma and violence on a person; and (ii) delivered by a regional family violence organization that employs, or provides referrals to, counselors who: (I) Make available to the victim of family violence resources on trauma exposure, its impact and treatment; (II) engage in efforts to strengthen the resilience and protective factors of victims of family violence who are impacted by and vulnerable to trauma; (III) emphasize continuity of care and collaboration among organizations that provide services to children; and (IV) maintain professional relationships for referral and consultation purposes with programs and persons with expertise in trauma-informed care.

Sec. 63. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after January 1, 2023, each police officer, as defined in section 46b-15 of the general statutes, and emergency medical technician, as defined in section 19a-904 of the general statutes, shall maintain, in any vehicle used by such officer or technician in the course of his or her duties, copies of documents concerning (1) behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment resources available to children, developed pursuant to section 17a-22r of the general statutes for the mental health region in which such technician is located; and (2) services and resources available to victims of domestic violence, published pursuant to section 10-10g of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such officer or technician may provide a copy of such documents to any person or family of a person who such technician determines may benefit from the services or resources described in such documents.

At this time, the Police Officer Standards and Training Field Services Division is working with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to develop training and resource documents. Future training will be posted to our website <https://portal.ct.gov/POST/Field-Services/Field-Services> .

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by email karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone 203 – 427 – 2601.

Additional reference:
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