

TITLE: Law Enforcement Families Partnership

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PROJECT ABSTRACT:

In 2008, Florida became the first state to unite all major criminal justice agencies in a project created to help reduce and prevent officer-involved domestic violence. The Law Enforcement Families Partnership (LEFP) within the Institute for Family Violence Studies (IFVS) is a collaborative effort of Florida State University, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Department of Corrections, and the Florida Highway Patrol. All partners work on the cornerstones of the LEFP: Florida's Model Police on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence and *Officer-involved Domestic Violence, A Prevention Curriculum*. The Curriculum is free and online, tied to an FSU research study. It educates officers and helps them recognize the warning signs of work-related trauma and abuses of power. It also encourages officers to proactively seek help so they do not become offenders. In 2012, the Verizon Foundation funded the IFVS to develop a new National Prevention Toolkit on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence.

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Prudential Davis Productivity Certificate of Commendation 2011
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Co-Investigators:

None

Community Collaborators:

Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriff's Association, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, State Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, Bureau of Administrative Services – Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Office of the Attorney General – Advocacy & Grants Management, Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Police Benevolent Association, Florida Public Safety Institute, Verizon Foundation
