



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS

SOP 1-45 (formerly 5-3)

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## 1-45 FAMILY ABUSE AND STALKING TRAINING TEAM (FASTT)

### Related SOP(s):

[2-60 Preliminary and Follow Up Criminal Investigations](#)

[4-25 Domestic Violence](#)

### 1-45-1 Purpose

The purpose of the Family Abuse and Stalking Training Team (FASTT) Unit is to investigate stalking, harassment, repeat Domestic Violence (DV) offender, and violations of DV restraining order cases in order to help protect the safety of victims.

### 1-45-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to use the FASTT Unit to investigate cases of stalking, harassment, repeat domestic violence, and violations of domestic violence restraining orders.

### 1-45-3 Rules and Responsibilities

- A. Field Services Bureau (FSB) officers and area command Impact Teams have primary investigative and enforcement responsibilities, refer to SOP Domestic Violence.
- B. The FASTT Unit assumes case responsibility for:
  1. All stalking cases with the exception of stalking by those with behavior health issues.
    - a. The Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) shall be responsible for the mental health component of stalking cases involving individuals with mental health issues.
- C. The FASTT Unit will provide:
  1. Analysis
    - a. FASTT Unit will review all DV harassment, and stalking-related reports, focusing on high lethality to the victim and increasing levels of violence.
    - b. The FASTT Victim Liaison also examines past and present police reports, all relevant offender history and completes a lethality assessment to be given to the FASTT Sergeant for supervisory review.
    - c. The FASTT Sergeant determines if the case will then be assigned a FASTT detective.



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d. Cases involving repeat and/or dangerous offenders shall be given priority.

2. Question & Answer Resource

- a. FASTT detectives serve as a question and answer resource for Department personnel, as well as assisting non-Department agencies upon request in an effort to assist victims.
- b. Unit detectives are expected stay informed about the Family Violence Protection Act procedures for obtaining emergency and temporary restraining orders via the District Court, as well as other related legal issues.

3. Liaison with Community Groups

- a. FASTT detectives will serve as community contacts and establish proactive relationships with DV and victim advocacy groups.
- b. Detectives assist such groups with drafting and presenting proposed legislation.

4. Walk-In DV complaints at the Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center (AFAC)

- a. FASTT detectives serve as the primary detective contact for walk-in DV complaints at the AFAC or from the Victim's Assistance Unit.

5. Assistance to Victim Advocates (VA)

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- a. Upon request, FASTT detectives assist victim's advocates with investigative or other law enforcement-related functions.

D. Investigating Domestic Violence Involving Department Personnel

1. The FASTT Unit will not assume investigative responsibility for officer-involved domestic incidents unless directed by the Chief of Police or CID Deputy Chief.
2. The FASTT Unit is assigned to investigate when it has been determined a conflict of interest exists between the involved officer and responding officers or supervisor, and the FASTT Unit involvement is in the best interest of the Department.

E. FASTT Sergeant Responsibilities

1. Assign cases pursuant to the guidelines set forth within this policy section;



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2. Track assigned cases through the case management system;
3. Supervise the activities of the FASTT Unit's civilian violent crimes victim liaison personnel.
4. Review the completed Lethality Assessment and make case assignments regarding repeat high-risk offenders who exhibit an escalating pattern of domestic abuse;
- 7 5. Prepare monthly activity reports for the CID Lieutenant and Commander;
- 7 6. Inform the CID Lieutenant and Commander of high profile or significant investigations;
7. Conduct weekly briefings for FASTT personnel;
8. Ensure FASTT detectives are assigned all necessary equipment to perform their job functions; and
9. Participate in the violent crimes homicide supervisor on-call roster rotation.

F. FASTT Detective Responsibilities

1. Assist victims of DV with through the Victim's Assistance Unit as well as through other local resources, such as, the women's shelter.
2. Assist Department personnel with cases involving:
  - a. Stalking;
  - b. Domestic violence;
  - c. Harassment; and
  - d. Other domestic related crimes, including but not limited to; threats to kill.
3. Assume case agent responsibilities on assigned cases;
- 6 4. Prepare reports in completed cases, and felony case supplemental reports for the District Attorney's Office in accordance with SOP Submission of Cases to the District Attorney;
- 6 5. Prepare criminal complaints when facts show probable cause;



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6. Prepare criminal complaints requesting summons or arrest warrants as appropriate;
7. Prepare and execute search warrants;
8. Provide FSB personnel training on DV and stalking. Provide training to Department cadet classes, or non-Department agencies, upon request;

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9. Inform the FASTT Sergeant and chain of command of all high-profile cases or significant investigations;

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10. Prepare and submit a monthly activity report; and
11. Participate in the full Violent Crimes call-out on-call rotation.

G. Contacting FASTT Personnel

1. FASTT detectives will be on-call to assist the FSB with domestic violence related questions.
2. Any and all reported DV-related threats to kill shall immediately be emailed to the FASTT Unit at [apdfastt@cabq.gov](mailto:apdfastt@cabq.gov).

H. Training

FASTT detectives conduct advanced training for Department personnel and other agencies, as directed through the chain of command.