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# NEWSLETTER

**From Paper to Platform:  
The LAP Database Explained**

Training on the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) remains one of the highest priorities for our team. Close behind that is improving the accessibility and ease with which LAP screenings can be completed in the field. Since our team began over a year ago, we have worked toward a goal of developing a LAP database to help streamline the use of LAP across Oklahoma.

Before we go further, we want to note that much of the information discussed here is still preliminary. We are continuing to work with a vendor to ensure the platform functions at the highest level for those who will be using it. As development progresses, some elements mentioned below may change. It is also important to note that while this database is being developed, it is not intended to replace the paper form. The paper form will continue to be available for law enforcement officers to use in the field.

It has been a while since we last discussed this project, so let's take a moment to walk through some of the current details.



## ***Bring LAP Training to Your Community***

Partner with Us to Strengthen Your Response to IPV

Our Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) Training is CLEET-Approved for two (2) hours of continuing education or mental health. If your agency or community is interested in strengthening your response to intimate partner violence, we would be happy to provide a LAP training. Our team offers in-person and virtual sessions tailored to law enforcement, prosecutors, and service providers. To request a training or learn more, please fill out the form below—we're here to support your team in implementing a proactive, coordinated approach to victim safety.

**[Training Request Form](#)**

## Moving from Paper to Digital

Simply put, the goal of the LAP database is to transition the current paper form into an accessible online format. Rather than a fillable PDF, the system will function as a website that guides officers through each step of the process.

When accessing the platform, officers will log in much like they would with any other program or device. From there, a LAP screening can be initiated when needed. Similar to the paper form, the process begins with basic information that must be entered. Some of this information, such as the officer's name and agency, may automatically populate based on the user's account.

After the initial information is entered, the officer will enter information about the offender. From there, the system will transition directly into the assessment questions.

### Step 1: The Victim Assessment

Before the questions begin, the system will display a reminder that the assessment should be conducted in a space separate from the dominant aggressor whenever possible.

The assessment questions will then appear on the screen one at a time. This design helps ensure each question is asked intentionally and clearly. At the bottom of the screen, the officer will select whether the victim answered "yes" or "no."

Once the first eleven (11) questions are completed, the system will move to the Open Response section. This portion allows the victim to share any additional concerns or information. The officer will document the victim's response in a free-text field.

## Attend the Partners for Change Conference

The annual Partners for Change Conference will be held September 2–3 at the Embassy Suites in Norman. This multidisciplinary event brings together professionals across Oklahoma to strengthen coordinated community responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking. The registration deadline is August 15th. Register using the link or QR code.



[Register for the Partners for Change Conference](#)

### Submit a Workshop Proposal

The Planning Committee is seeking workshop proposals that strengthen criminal justice responses and enhance victim services. Topics may include stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, trafficking, and culturally specific responses. The proposal deadline is May 31st. Apply using the link or QR code.



[Submit a Workshop Proposal](#)

The exact placement of the next section in the workflow is still being finalized and may change during development. However, once the victim's responses have been entered, the system will automatically determine the risk level based on the answers to the first eleven questions.

The possible determinations include:

- High Risk
- No Risk (per protocol)
- Screening Cannot Be Completed Based on Questions One Through Eleven

There will also be a fourth option available for the officer to select: "Victim screened in based on open response question."

Once the risk determination is made, a brief explanation will appear on the screen describing what the classification means.

## Step 2: The Officer Assessment

After the Victim Assessment is completed, the system will display the following guidance:

"If the victim did not screen in, use your training and experience to assess the situation. Document any lethality indicators or danger cues you observe—such as property damage, visible injuries, aggressive behavior, or statements from the victim that indicate fear or risk."

At this point, the officer will indicate whether the victim should be screened in based on their professional judgment. A required text box will prompt the officer to briefly explain the rationale behind their decision.

## Call for Vendors

We are also seeking vendors whose work supports victim services, public safety, and community response efforts. Space is limited and assigned first-come, first-served. Each booth includes a table, two chairs, and electricity. Additional needs can be arranged with the venue.



[Submit a Vendor Proposal](#)

## Curriculum Review Subcommittee

In 2011, the state legislature established a requirement that the Council of Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) "shall establish and include in its required courses of study for law enforcement certification a minimum of eight (8) hours of evidence-based domestic violence and stalking investigation training." The statute further specifies that this training must address several key areas related to evidence-based domestic violence response, including lethality assessment.

The law also requires that this curriculum be developed in collaboration with the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (DVFRB) and presented to the CLEET Council for approval. [70 O.S. § 3311.5 \(OSCN 2026\)](#).

### Step 3: When the Protocol is Triggered

***If the victim is determined to be high risk*** (based on the Victim Assessment and/or the Officer Assessment):

The officer will be prompted to contact either the appropriate victim service agency or the State SAFELINE, the 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline. The system will automatically route the referral for services to the correct LAP victim service agency based on the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

Once the call is made, the advocate on the other line will provide a confirmation number. The officer will record this number within the LAP form, marking the completion of the screening.

The system will then transmit the screening results, incident details, officer notes, time of screening, and call attempt(s) to the victim service agency. Agencies will receive this information through email, a secure nonpublic portal, or integration with their case-management system.

***If the victim is not determined to be high risk*** (based on the Victim Assessment and/or the Officer Assessment):

The officer will receive an on-screen reminder to provide the victim with the information packet before clearing the call. A second reminder will prompt the officer to educate the victim about the dangers of intimate partner violence, including escalating patterns, warning signs, and how to contact local resources.

This year, the DVFRB formed a dedicated subcommittee to review and strengthen the current evidence-based domestic violence and stalking investigation curriculum. The subcommittee brings together a multidisciplinary group of professionals, including representatives from law enforcement, victim service agencies, tribal partners, and CLEET.

The Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) team will participate in this effort to help ensure that LAP training remains a consistent and meaningful component of the curriculum.

The creation of this subcommittee reflects a broader commitment to collaboration across disciplines. By ensuring this training remains current and responsive to the realities faced by Oklahomans experiencing domestic violence, we are working to equip law enforcement with the tools to recognize danger sooner, intervene more effectively, and ultimately help prevent violence before it becomes fatal.

### Numbers to Know

Oklahoma has consistently ranked in the Top 10 in women being murdered by men in single victim/single offender incidents since 1996. The most recent state rankings ranked Oklahoma as 2nd in the nation when analyzing 2020 homicide data.

Violence Policy Center. (2023). When men murder women: A review of 25 years of female homicide victimization in the United States. Retrieved from: <https://www.vpc.org/studies/wmmw2023.pdf>



## Finalizing the LAP Submission

Before final submission, the officer will see a brief on-screen summary of the completed LAP. After reviewing the information, the officer will submit the form, at which point the record will be finalized and locked.

## Development Updates

As mentioned earlier, the LAP database is still under development, and certain aspects of the process may evolve as the platform continues to take shape. Our current plan is to begin the initial rollout with 10 agencies total, including five (5) law enforcement agencies and five (5) victim service agencies. This structure may shift as we work through the early implementation steps. However, regardless of the final structure, the overarching goal remains the same: to streamline the LAP process and promote consistent use of the screening tool in the field.

Our team hopes to begin an initial rollout of this program in late 2026.

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The Lethality Assessment Protocol represents one of our most critical tools in protecting vulnerable Oklahomans. This partnership between law enforcement and victim advocates isn't just procedure - ***it is a lifeline that saves lives.***”



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