



PS417 Overview

Project Safe 417 (PS417) is a unique collaborative program between SafeNest and the Las Vegas Metro Police Department (LVMPD) dedicated to reducing domestic violence related abuse and homicides in the Las Vegas valley. The police code for domestic violence calls is 417.

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The first hours after a domestic violence incident can be critical for victims. PS417 is designed to bridge the gap between when LVMPD responds to a call to the time when a victim/survivor receives crisis services, advocacy, and support.

Upon receiving the initial domestic violence call, LVMPD alerts the 24/7 SafeNest domestic violence crisis hotline and requests PS417 first responder support. SafeNest's first responder advocates are dispatched and report on scene with Metro officers where they provide support, safety planning, information about community resources, and legal options (Emergency Protective Orders) to survivors.

The program launched in December 2017 at the North West Area Command (NWAC), resulting in a significant drop in domestic violence related calls and homicides:

- NWAC reported six domestic violence related homicides in 2017. After implementing PS417, NWAC reported zero domestic violence homicides associated with any victim who either reported abuse or had previous contact with NWAC officers.
- NWAC experienced a 3.5 percent decrease in domestic violence calls and a 20 percent increase in arrests after launching pS417.

SafeNest and LVMPD expanded PS417 Valley-wide in October 2020 with a \$500,000 grant from Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP). PS417 now serves 10 of Metro's 11 Las Vegas command centers, providing 24/7/365 support to survivors.

"Expanding PS417 citywide was our goal from day one," said Liz Ortenburger, SafeNest CEO. "This program has proved that early intervention with survivors results in fewer homicides and a safer community everyone."

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