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SUBCOMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
AT 6:30 PM**

JULY 1, 2026

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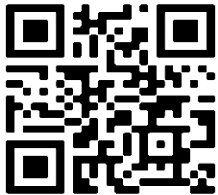
Tonia Lediju. PhD (Councilmember, District 3)
Alexander Matias (Councilmember, District 1)
Charles Palmares (Councilmember, District 4)


Amended Agenda

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A Approve minutes from the regular meeting of June 3, 2026
5. **OPERATIONS BUREAU MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT**

Report is a standing agenda topic and covers many topics to include: police staffing, crime trends, collision data, and overall department activity.

 - A **OPERATIONS BUREAU MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT**
6. **STANDING REPORT UPDATES**

Items in this section are standing report updates on topics that have been individually placed on the agenda under this section.

 - A **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVE**
 - B **VISION PROGRAM**
 - C **SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAM**
 - D **TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM**
7. **ACTION CALENDAR**
 - A **VALLEJO PD'S CO-RESPONSE FOR MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS**
Recommendation: Receive report and provide direction to staff
Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police
Jason.Ta@cityofvallejo.net
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Dated: Friday, June 26, 2026



**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2026**

**Vallejo Room (Lower Level of JFK Library)
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lediju and Matias

Absent: Councilmember Palmares

Staff present: Deputy Chief Knight, Deputy Chief Ramrakha, Captain Bautista, Lieutenant Caitham, Sergeant Hollis, Sergeant Alamon, Sergeant Samaniego, City Attorney Nebb, Assistant City Attorney Jackson.

Community Partners Present: Tanya Brownrigg, Victim Empowerment Support Team (VEST), Rayvon Williamson, Integrated Health & Resources Team (IHART).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matias and carried unanimously by members present, to approve the minutes from May 6, 2026, regular meeting (Absent for Vote: Palmares)*

A Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of June 3, 2026

5. UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

A UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

- Operations Report, Staffing and Crime Data
- Abandoned Vehicles Report

Police Operations Report Including Recruitment & Hiring: Captain Bautista reported that the Vallejo Police Department received 12,395 incoming phone calls in April, of which 5,677 resulted in case incidents. There are seven fatal collisions to date. Four homicides to date. There was clarifying information presented related to the increase in 2026 rape statistics. Captain Bautista mentioned that four rape reports were just reported despite occurring before 2026. In addition, one rape report was taken for Nevada as a professional courtesy.

Deputy Chief Knight noted that all crime statistics are down except domestic violence. Statistics taken from a review of a five-year average from 2020 to 2025. Also mentioned is a review from the statistics, ranging from 2020 to 2025,

that domestic violence has only increased by four percent.

Captain Bautista noted there are 82 Sworn Officers, 78 active and 4 inactive, 40 on Patrol, and 4 new officers in the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. There are four recruits in several academies. One in the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office Academy, two in the Alameda Academy, and one in the Sacramento Police Academy. In addition, there are 28 current officer applicants in the hiring process: 21 are recruit-level, 7 are entry-level, and 3 are cadet-level.

Community members commented.

Council members provided comments.

Following public comments, Deputy Chief Knight suggests that we agendaize for future consideration in addressing a crisis of an individual's mental health. This needs a deeper dive and a co-response type model.

6. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENHANCED RESPONSE

A CONTINUANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CASE REVIEW

Lieutenant Caitham met with VEST and Tanya Brownrigg to discuss domestic violence and the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP). Lieutenant Caitham met with the lethality training team online. Nora Martinez from the Family Justice Center is currently reviewing the new resource pamphlet for final approval. Community Partners met with VEST and the Network Against Domestic Violence on May 8, 2026.

PARTNERSHIP GUEST COMMENTS:

Vallejo Empowerment Support Team (VEST), as shared by Tanya Brownrigg, is located at 1219 Monterrey Street in Vallejo. She mentions that barriers must be eliminated. Suggests a Phase 1 approach with a 24/7 crisis hotline for Officers and the public to access immediate resources.

Councilmember Lediju asks about cost factors, subscription costs, or the proposed needs to start a phase. She wants an action plan or specific officers identified who can offer services.

Councilmember Matias asks whether Kaiser can help fund the subscription for the Lethality Assessment Protocol.

VALLEJO VISION PRESENTATION:

Captain Bautista mentioned that the Vallejo Vision program, Violence Intervention Support Improving Our Neighborhoods (VISION), consists of the Vallejo Police Department, the School District, and the Center for Urban Excellence (CUE). The City Attorney's Office is vetting the custom notification system. They are also

working with CUE on a list of potential candidates.

SEX TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION:

Captain Bautista mentioned three operations held on April 1, 2026, with 10 arrests (eight from out of town) and two towed vehicles, April 7, 2026, with 10 arrests (5 from out of town), and May 20, 2026, with 8 arrests (four from out of town) and four vehicles towed. The Vallejo Police Department will also be performing Hotel Operations in June 2026 due to the FIFA Soccer event. Councilmember Lediju moderated a roundtable summit. Attendees included District One Board of Supervisor, Cassandra James, the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking and Sane-Sart.

Community members commented.

Councilmember Lediju directs the Police Department to move District Three's camera tower, effective immediately, to City Park. She asks the City Attorney how their office can help with strategies for increased layering of ordinances that enhance existing laws related to sex trafficking. She requests this to be a standing item.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PRESENTATION:

Lieutenant Alamon noted there have been seven fatal traffic calls, year-to-date. The Traffic Division has issued 750 citations, were to unlicensed or suspended drivers. This has caused an increase in VETO hearings. There were 273 collisions.

The See-Click-Fix abandoned vehicle list is down to 740. They have performed 181 tows and 485 on-view investigations related to the list.

The Tow contract is still in the works but is being finalized by City Attorney Jackson. City Attorney Jackson expects the contracts to be completed within the next two weeks and begin implementation in July 2026.

Council members provide comments.

7. IDENTIFY ITEMS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE TO AGENDIZE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Operations Report
- Domestic Violence
- Gun Violence Initiative (VISION)
- Sex Trafficking
- Traffic Safety Update, including Abandoned Vehicles Abatement

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS BUREAU REPORT | MAY 2026



COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Phone Calls	Incidents Created
13,494	6,007

PATROL DIVISION

Calls for Service: 4,751	Crime Reports: 740	Felony Arrests: 93
Officer Initiated Incidents 1,256	Vehicle/Pedestrian Checks 223	Misdemeanor Arrests 140
Traffic Stops 411	Use of Force Incidents 5	Firearm/Ammo/Weapons Arrests 13
Officer Involved Shootings 0	Vehicle Pursuits 9	Assaults on Officers 1

STAFFING

Patrol Division		Traffic Division	
4 Lieutenants	5 Sergeants	1 Lieutenants	1 Sergeants
40 Officers/Corporals	7 Police Assistants	2 Officers/Corporals	1 Professional Staff
		1 Sr. Police Assistants	

Total numbers do not include those on FTO

TRAFFIC

Collision Reports 66	Fatal Collisions 1	Abandoned Vehicles	
2025 vs 2026 YTD Fatal Collision Comparison		Reported 459	Towed 183
2025 6	2026 7	% Change ↑ 17%	Inspected 697
			Pending Inspection 620

CRIME

Crime/Category	Year-to-date offenses: January - May			Crime in Beats (2026)								
	2026	2025	%	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4	Beat 5	Beat 6	Beat 7	Beat 8	Crime Total
Murder	4	6	-33%	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	4
Rape	23	14	64%	2	1	2	6	1	3	4	4	23
All Other Sexual Aslts/Offenses	18	39	-54%	1	2	-	3	5	1	3	3	18
Robbery	67	106	-37%	10	7	3	7	9	16	9	6	67
Aggravated Assault	224	218	3%	24	22	10	21	37	47	44	19	224
Simple Assault	271	221	23%	36	23	12	20	47	56	55	22	271
Kidnapping / Abduction	26	30	-13%	4	2	-	1	5	7	4	3	26
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	217	285	-24%	26	26	12	38	28	47	16	24	217
Larceny	854	1,110	-23%	222	96	19	60	135	162	87	73	854
Stolen Vehicles	282	256	10%	25	35	8	31	52	63	31	37	282
Arson	17	17	0%	1	1	-	-	9	2	3	1	17
Crime in Beat Totals:				351	215	66	189	329	405	256	192	
Select Subcategory Breakdown												
-Auto Burglary/Theft Cases	243	451	-46%	54	27	4	18	43	60	24	13	243
- Shooting Cases	55	84	-35%	4	4	1	10	12	8	13	3	55
- Domestic Violence Cases	243	195	25%	25	38	12	30	29	45	42	22	243
Subcategory Beat Totals:				83	69	17	58	84	113	79	38	

Vallejo Police Department Beat Map



VALLEJO DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (V-DART)

A 24-Hour Crisis & Coordinated Community
Response Initiative

Presented by Tanya Brownrigg, MSW
Executive Director
Victims Empowerment Support Team
(VEST)

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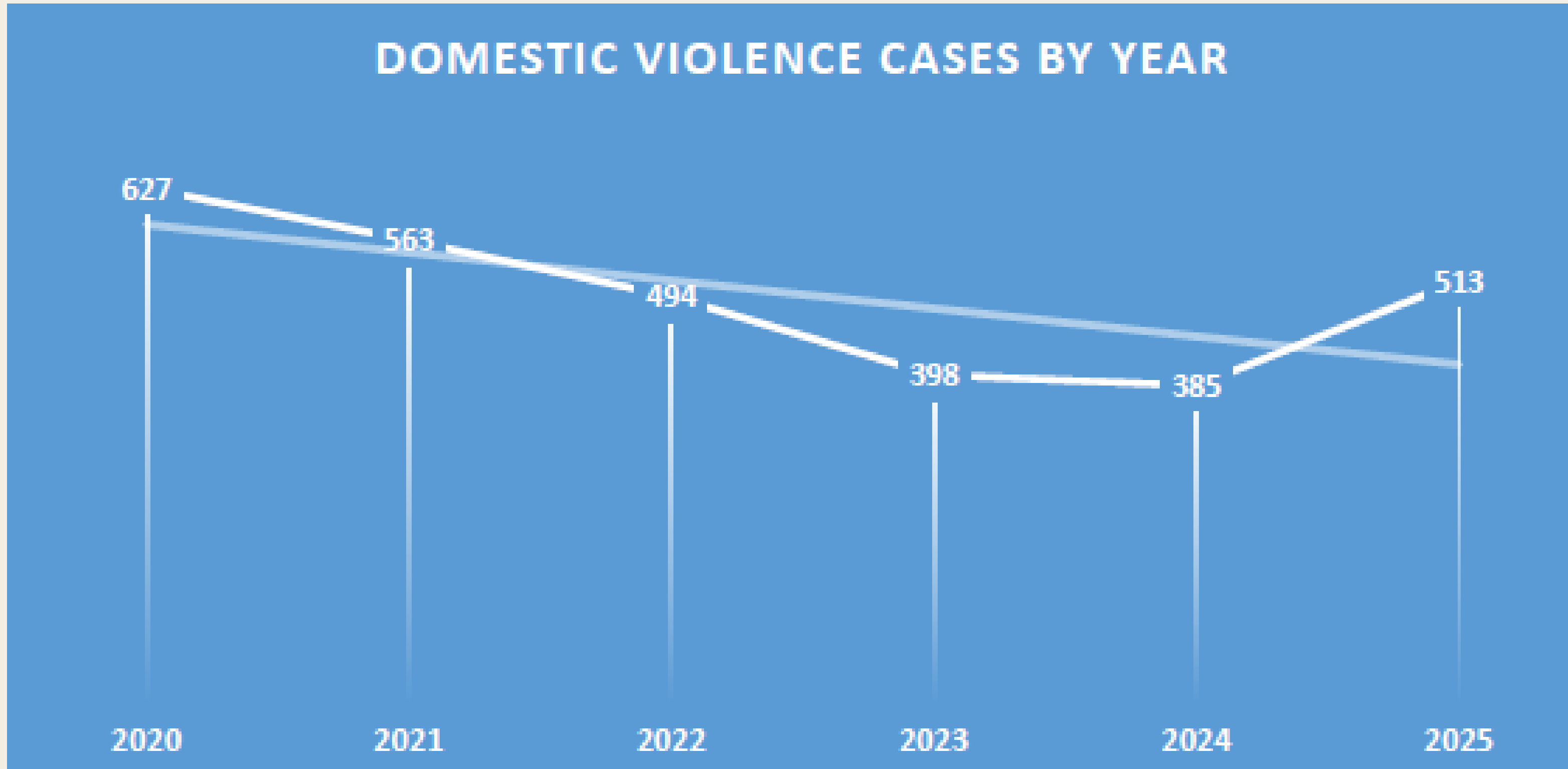
10. Conclusion

WHY VALLEJO NEEDS ACTION NOW?

Domestic Violence in Vallejo

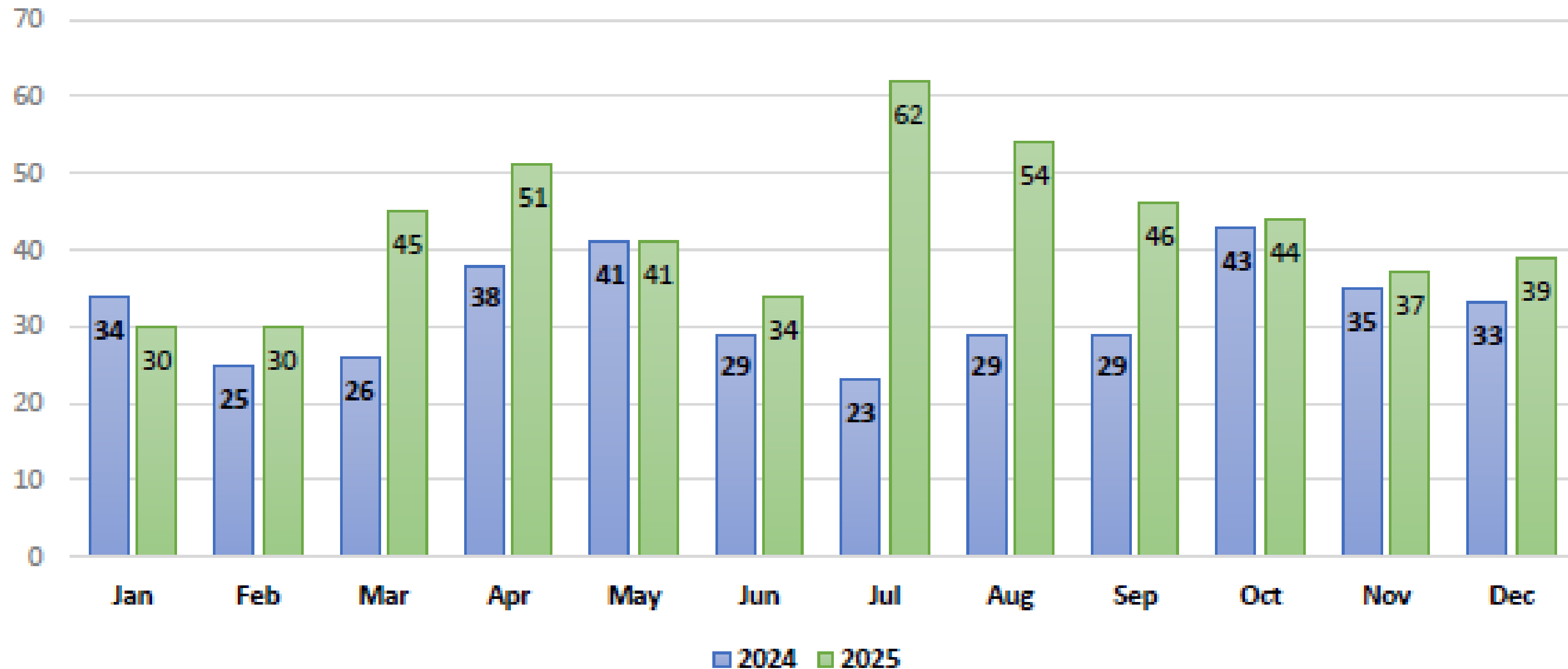
- Current DV response (resource card/Fairfield service information) is not survivor-centered
- Domestic violence incidents continue to increase in Vallejo
- Survivors often face barriers to accessing services, including fear, trauma, transportation, housing instability, and lack of immediate support
- Research shows survivors are more likely to engage in services when connected through a warm handoff during a crisis

Vallejo PD DV Statistics



Vallejo PD DV Statistics

Domestic Violence Cases Compared by Month: 2024 vs 2025



WHAT IS V-DART

The Vallejo Domestic Abuse Response Team (V-DART) is a coordinated partnership between Vallejo Police Department, VEST, and community partners designed to improve survivor safety, increase access to services, and strengthen Vallejo's response to domestic violence.

Through warm handoffs, on-scene advocacy, a 24-hour crisis response line, safety planning, emergency housing, therapy, case management, and coordinated community partnerships, V-DART provides immediate support to survivors while connecting them to long-term services and resources.

Using a Vallejo Community-Specific Risk Assessment, V-DART identifies survivors at increased risk of serious injury or homicide and provides timely intervention, crisis response, and ongoing support to improve safety, reduce repeat victimization, and strengthen community trust.

PROGRAM PURPOSE & KEY OBJECTIVES

Purpose

The V-DART Program is designed to improve survivor safety, provide immediate support to victims of domestic violence, enhance officer resources, increased access to services, reduce repeat calls for service, and strengthen community trust through a coordinated, survivor-centered response between Vallejo Police Department, VEST, and community partners.

Objectives

- Provide immediate advocacy and crisis intervention through warm handoffs and coordinated response
- Increase survivor access to safety planning, housing, counseling, and support services
- Improve identification and response to **high-risk** domestic violence cases
- Enhance Vallejo's Coordinated Community Response to domestic violence
- Improve outcomes for survivors and children

ON-SCENE HIGH RISK RESPONSE MODEL

The V-DART Program utilizes an On-Scene Response (Meet-at-the-Scene)

Advocates arrive separately to a secure, neutral location or near the incident and enter once the officer has declared the location safe. The model provides immediate support for high-risk survivors while ensuring advocate safety and efficient coordination with law enforcement.

Response Locations

- Survivor residence
- Vallejo Police Department
- Hospital
- Community location

WHAT ARE WE DOING TODAY?

CURRENT RESPONSE

Officer Responds → Provides
Fairfield Service Information → Survivor
Must Contact

V-DART RESPONSE

Officer Responds → High Risk In Community
Response by DART Advocate or Low/Moderate Risk
Warm Handoff to Advocate

WHY DART WORKS FOR VALLEJO?

Why the Shift from a DVHRT/LAP (Lethality Assessment Protocol) Program? It Requires a \$25,000 for implementation/training and a minimum 6-7 months of planning and department-wide training and delays enhanced services for survivors.

Accomplishing the core objectives as a DVHRT/LAP program:

- ✓ Identify high-risk domestic violence cases
- ✓ Improve survivor safety
- ✓ Increase connection to services through immediate intervention (24 hrs.)
- ✓ Strengthen collaboration between law enforcement and community

partners

- ✓ Reduce repeat calls for service
- ✓ Improve outcomes for survivors and children
- ✓ Increase accountability and coordinated case management

Accomplishing the core objectives as a V-DART program:

- ✓ Focuses on **all** Vallejo domestic violence cases
- ✓ Improve survivor safety
- ✓ **Immediate response for high-risk survivors**
- ✓ Improve outcomes for survivors and children
- ✓ Increase accountability and coordinated case management
- ✓ **24-hour crisis line access**
- ✓ **On-scene advocacy response (7:00 AM-7:00 PM)**
- ✓ **Therapy, housing, and prevention education**
- ✓ **Strong partnership between Vallejo PD, VEST, and community partners**

DART allows Vallejo to achieve the same public and survivor safety goals today rather than waiting for a future program launch.

V-DART FRAMEWORK

The V-DART Framework is a survivor-centered, community-based response model designed to improve victim safety, increase engagement in services, enhance officer resources, and reduce repeat domestic violence incidents.

The framework is built on four core pillars:

- Identification – Early recognition of high-risk domestic violence cases through officer assessment and risk screening.
- Immediate Response – Rapid connection to advocacy, crisis intervention, safety planning, and emergency support.
- Survivor Support – Ongoing advocacy, therapy, housing assistance, legal support, and case management services.
- Long-Term Prevention – Prevention education, community partnerships, officer training, and strategies to break the cycle of violence.

Together, these pillars create a coordinated response that connects survivors to support when they need it most while strengthening public safety and community trust.

IDENTIFY

Recognize High-Risk Domestic Violence Cases

- Officer-administered V-DART Community Risk Assessment
- Immediate identification of victims at elevated risk of serious injury or homicide
- Standardized screening process for all domestic violence incidents

Goal: Identify survivors that need immediate intervention.



Vallejo Domestic Abuse Response Team (V-DART) Community Risk Assessment Card

Automatic High-Risk Triggers:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stragulation History? | <input type="checkbox"/> Threats to Kill? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm Access? | <input type="checkbox"/> Stalking Behaviors? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Seperation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Escalating Violence? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violations of Restraining Order? | <input type="checkbox"/> Forced Sex? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Control Behavior? | |

"ANY CHECKED BOX AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGERS A HIGH RISK CLASSIFICATION AND IMMEDIATE V-DART RESPONSE."

This Domestic Violence Risk Assessment is designed to assist law enforcement officers in identifying victims that may be at elevated risk of serious injury or homicide, prioritizing immediate safety planning, and facilitating rapid connection to a V-DART Advocate.

Officer Action for V-DART Crisis Response:

- Contact VEST for Immediate Crisis Response at (707) VAL-LEJO
- Request On-Scene V-DART Advocate Response
- Conduct Safety Planning
- Discuss Emergency Shelter Options
- Complete Warm Handoff to Advocate

"Any High-Risk Indicator = Immediate V-DART Response"

VEST

RESPOND

Rapid Crisis Intervention

- 24-Hour VEST Crisis Response Line
- Immediate warm handoff from responding officer to a V-DART Advocate at the scene, at the VEST office, or by phone
- On-scene advocate response for High-Risk domestic violence cases (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)
- Immediate crisis intervention, safety planning and danger assessment
- Emergency shelter and housing coordination

Goal: Connect survivors to support at the moment they are most likely to accept help.

SUPPORT

Comprehensive Survivor Services

- Domestic violence advocacy
- Restraining order assistance
- Court accompaniment
- Crime Victim Compensation assistance
- Safe At Home (Confidential PO Box Assistance)
- Case management
- Individual and family therapy
- Peer support
- Support groups for Survivors and Children
- Transportation and basic needs assistance

Goal: Improve survivor safety, stability, and long-term outcomes.

PREVENT

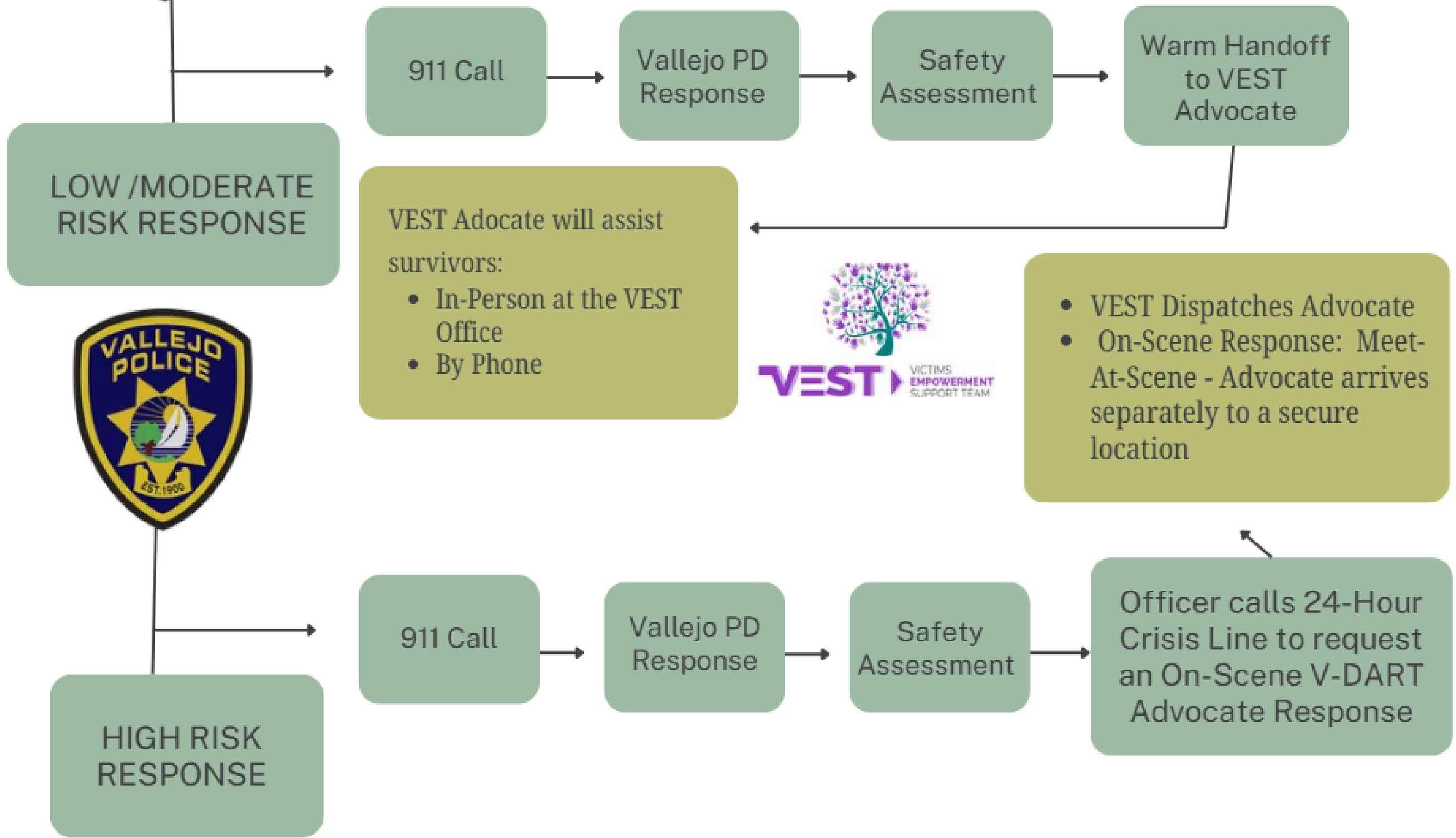
Breaking the Cycle of Violence

- Healthy relationship education
- Middle and high school prevention programs
- Community outreach and awareness
- Officer training and collaboration
- Data collection and program evaluation

Goal: Reduce repeat violence and build a safer Vallejo!



V-DART 24-HOUR DV CRISIS RESPONSE FLOW



OUTCOMES, ACCOUNTABILITY & PERFORMANCE MEASURES

How Success Will Be Measured

VEST will provide Quarterly and Annual Reports to Vallejo Police Department and City leadership to ensure transparency, accountability, and continuous program improvement.

Key Performance Indicators

- Survivors served
- Warm handoffs received
- Warm handoffs completed
- 24-hour crisis line calls
- On-scene advocate responses
- On-scene advocate response trends for repeat calls for service
- Safety plans completed
- Therapy services received
- Emergency Hotel Placement Housing Assistance
- Survivors connected to community resources
- Demographic data (age, race/ethnicity, gender)

Program outcomes, demographic trends, lessons learned, and recommendations will be reviewed regularly to strengthen services, improve coordination, identify service gaps, and ensure the V-DART Program continues to meet the diverse needs of the Vallejo community.

CONCLUSION: WHY DART MATTERS

Sustainable. Scalable.

The Vallejo Domestic Abuse Response Team (V-DART) is a practical, cost-effective, and survivor-centered framework that can be implemented immediately to strengthen domestic violence response, improve survivor safety, and increase access to critical services.

Building the Future of Domestic Violence Response

As the program grows, Vallejo can continue expanding the framework to include:

- An embedded Domestic Violence Advocate at Vallejo Police Department
- Advocate ride-along with patrol officers
- Increased coordination between law enforcement, service providers, and community partners
- Domestic Violence Batterer Program

Why It Matters

DART allows Vallejo to act now.

It provides immediate support for survivors, strengthens partnerships between law enforcement and community organizations, increases access to services, and creates a sustainable foundation for a stronger, more coordinated domestic violence response system.

THANK YOU

VEST

Presented by Tanya Brownrigg, MSW

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Organization Name: Victims Empowerment Support Team (VEST)

Project Title: (V-DART) Vallejo Domestic Abuse Response Team

Contact Name & Phone: Tanya Brownrigg (707) 341-6432

PROJECT BUDGET Item	Cost	FTE or Quantity	Fringe Benefits at 21%	Request from City of Vallejo	Budget Justification (Narrative)
PERSONNEL/STAFFING EXPENSES (List title and % FTE on project)					
Crisis Manager/Lead Advocate	\$ 74,152.00	1.0	15571.9	\$ 89,723.92	<p>Grant funds will support one full-time Domestic Violence Crisis Line Manager/Lead Advocate dedicated to overseeing crisis intervention services and coordinating survivor support through the Vallejo Domestic Abuse Response Team (V-DART) Program. This position will provide direct services to survivors of domestic violence, including community response, immediate crisis intervention, danger assessment, safety planning, emergency shelter and housing coordination, restraining order assistance, Crime Victim Compensation application assistance, case management, court accompaniment, advocacy, peer support, support group facilitation, and referrals to community resources.</p> <p>The Manager will oversee the operation of the V- DART crisis response system, coordinate advocate deployment, and serve as the primary point of contact for high-risk domestic violence referrals. Responsibilities include ensuring that all high-risk survivors receive follow-up contact within 24 hours to provide rapid intervention, enhance safety, and increase engagement in supportive services.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Executive Director, the Manager will assist with the development and delivery of domestic violence prevention education and healthy relationship programming for middle and high school students. The position will also coordinate and dispatch advocates for on-scene crisis response requests, maintain communication with law enforcement and community partners, and support data collection, reporting, and program evaluation activities to ensure effective service delivery and positive outcomes for survivors.</p>

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PROJECT BUDGET Item	Cost	FTE or Quantity	Fringe Benefits at 21%	Request from City of Vallejo	Budget Justification (Narrative)
24-hour Crisis Line Advocate/ Case Manager	\$ 62,400.00	2.0	26208.0	\$ 151,008.00	<p>Funds will support two full-time Domestic Violence Advocate/Case Managers dedicated to providing crisis intervention, advocacy, and case management services to survivors identified through the Vallejo Community-Specific Domestic Violence Risk Assessment and referrals from the Vallejo Police Department.</p> <p>Advocates will provide immediate community crisis response, danger assessment, safety planning, emergency shelter and housing coordination, restraining order assistance, Crime Victim Compensation application support, case management, court accompaniment, advocacy, peer support, support group facilitation, and referrals to community resources. Advocates will maintain ongoing contact with survivors and ensure that all high-risk referrals receive follow-up within 24 hours to provide rapid intervention, enhance safety, and increase engagement in services.</p> <p>Funding will also support a dedicated 24-hour Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) crisis response system in partnership with the Vallejo Police Department. Through warm handoffs from responding officers, advocates will provide immediate emotional support, crisis counseling, safety planning, emergency shelter coordination, and linkage to advocacy and community-based services.</p> <p>Advocates will be available for on-scene response during designated operating hours and will provide after-hours and weekend crisis intervention through the VEST 24-hour crisis response system. Services are designed to increase survivor safety, reduce barriers to accessing support, improve engagement in services, and provide timely intervention for victims at the highest risk of serious injury or homicide.</p>

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24-hour Crisis Line Counselor/On-Call Response	\$ 31,200.00	1.0	6552.0	\$ 37,752.00	<p>VEST will provide a hybrid staffing model consisting of dedicated on-call coverage and crisis response support during evenings, weekends, holidays, and other peak service hours to ensure domestic violence survivors have access to immediate assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>Funding will support a paid On-Call Crisis Counselor who will provide immediate crisis intervention, emotional support, safety planning, emergency shelter coordination, resource referrals, and connection to advocacy services for survivors referred by the Vallejo Police Department, community partners, or self-referrals. The counselor will also support warm handoffs from law enforcement and coordinate follow-up services through the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). The need for after-hours coverage is further supported by a review of the Vallejo Police Department Daily Incident Log for the week of March 22, 2026, which identified domestic violence-related calls occurring during evenings, overnight hours, and weekends. These incidents highlight the importance of maintaining a 24-hour response capacity, particularly during times when community resources are limited and survivors may be at increased risk.</p> <p>Funding is calculated based on an on-call rate of \$40 per hour for an average of 15 hours per week, resulting in an annual cost of \$31,200 (\$40 x 15 hours x 52 weeks = \$31,200). This investment will ensure continuous access to crisis support, enhance survivor safety, strengthen coordination with law enforcement, and reduce barriers to accessing services during the most critical periods following victimization.</p>

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					<p>Funds will support a full-time Clinical Therapist to provide trauma-informed mental health services to survivors and their children of domestic violence identified through the V-DART Program and Vallejo Police Department referrals. The Clinical Therapist will provide individual therapy, crisis counseling, clinical assessments, safety planning support, psychoeducation, and short-term trauma-focused interventions to help survivors and their children address the emotional and psychological effects of domestic violence.</p> <p>The therapist will collaborate closely with V-DART advocates, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community partners to ensure survivors receive coordinated and comprehensive care. Services will focus on reducing trauma symptoms, increasing emotional stability, strengthening coping skills, improving safety, and supporting long-term healing and recovery.</p> <p>The Clinical Therapist will also assist with support group facilitation, provide consultation to advocacy staff regarding trauma-informed care practices, participate in multidisciplinary case reviews as appropriate, and support program evaluation efforts by tracking client outcomes and service utilization.</p> <p>The need for a dedicated Clinical Therapist is critical, as many survivors experience significant trauma-related symptoms, including anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, grief, and emotional distress following domestic violence incidents. Providing timely access to mental health services reduces barriers to care, increases engagement in supportive services, promotes survivor well-being, and strengthens overall program outcomes. The therapist will serve as an integral component of Vallejo's coordinated response to domestic violence by ensuring survivors have access to both advocacy and clinical support services.</p>
Clinical Therapist	\$ 89,440.00	1.00	18782.4	\$ 108,222.40	
Subtotal, Personnel/Staffing Expenses				\$ 386,706.32	

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PROJECT BUDGET Item	Cost	FTE or Quantity	Fringe Benefits at 21%	Request from City of Vallejo	Budget Justification (Narrative)
Fringe Benefits (21 % of Personnel)					Funds support employer-paid payroll taxes, FICA, Medicare, unemployment insurance, workers compensation, and health/dental/vision benefits for eligible staff. These costs are calculated at 21% of salaries. FICA SUI and Medicare 7.65% State Unemployment Taxes 3.4% Federal Unemployment Taxes 6% Workers Compensation 2% Health, Dental, Vision Insurance 1.95%
NON-PERSONNEL EXPENSES					
Communications	\$ 236.50	12.0		\$ 2,992.95	Funds support communication systems necessary for immediate response and confidential survivor contact, including a dedicated Vallejo Police Department hotline number, equipment/setup charges and mobile phone service reimbursement for V-
Travel	\$ 0.70	5000.0		\$ 3,500.00	Funds support local staff travel for mobile advocacy and partnership coordination, including transportation to police departments, hospitals, court, shelters, client meetings, and multidisciplinary partner meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at federal/state approved rate estimated at \$0.70 per mile for 5,000 miles annually.

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Emergency Hotel Placement/ Housing Assistance				\$ 20,800.00	<p>Emergency hotel placement is a critical life-saving intervention for survivors and children who cannot safely remain in their homes and are awaiting access to domestic violence shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing. Due to the ongoing shortage of emergency shelter beds in Solano County and surrounding regions, hotel assistance serves as an essential bridge to prevent homelessness, reduce the risk of returning to an abusive environment, and support immediate safety and stabilization.</p> <p>This flexible, trauma-informed funding allows VEST to provide immediate emergency hotel placement, rental or mortgage assistance, and moving assistance to help survivors safely relocate and maintain stable housing. These resources address one of the most significant barriers survivors face when leaving an abusive relationship—financial insecurity and lack of safe housing options.</p> <p>Funding will support survivors identified through V-CARE referrals, law enforcement response, and 24-hour crisis line engagement. Assistance ensures survivors and their children can remain safely together while engaging in safety planning, advocacy, legal services, and housing navigation support.</p> <p>**Emergency Hotel Assistance** * 40 survivors × 2 nights = 80 room nights * 80 nights × \$130 per night = **\$10,400**</p> <p>**Rental/Mortgage Assistance** * 8 survivors × average assistance of \$1,000 * Total: **\$8,000**</p> <p>**Moving Assistance** * 6 survivors × average assistance of \$400 * Total: **\$2,400**</p> <p>These funds will provide immediate safety and housing stabilization for approximately 40 survivors and their children, helping them avoid homelessness, secure stable housing, and reduce the likelihood of returning to an abusive environment.</p>

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INDIRECT/OVERHEAD EXPENSE __15_% of Direct Expenses* (Direct Expenses = Personnel + Non-Personnel)				\$62,774.89	Indirect costs support organizational infrastructure necessary to operate the project, including accounting, payroll, audit compliance, HR, technology, insurance, rent, utilities, supplies, clinical supervision, and administrative oversight. (\$418,499.27x15%)
OTHER COSTS					
Stipends	\$ 1,500.00	3.0		\$ 4,500.00	Funds provide modest stipends for qualified interns and volunteer who commit to a minimum six-month placement supporting community response, crisis line services, survivor outreach, court accompaniment, administrative support, and case management assistance under supervision. Interns increase service capacity while developing future victim services professionals.
TOTAL EXPENSES (Personnel + Non-Personnel + Other Costs)				\$ 481,274.16	



Introduction to Vallejo VISION: Violence Intervention Support Improving Our Neighborhoods

“VISION” Mission and Goals

The Vallejo Police Department (VPD), the City Manager’s Office and community partners are implementing an evidence-based strategic approach to reduce gun crime, victimization, and community fear by identifying the individuals at highest risk of committing violent gun crime. VPD and its partners will use a collaborative intervention model of support and accountability to disrupt violent behavior.

Goals:

- Change violent behavior through collaborative shared messaging, intervention strategies, education, and accountability.
- Promote victim and victim family support.
- Reduce crime and harm to the community and those engaging in violence.

The Vallejo VISION Team

VISION is a collaboration with the City of Vallejo, Vallejo PD, local and federal criminal justice partners, and the community. The VISION Support Team (or VISION Team) will lead intervention efforts. This team includes the Vallejo Safety and Healing Collective (VSHC), Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Impact Team, Center for Urban Excellence and other community resource and outreach providers, and additional criminal justice partners.

Overview of the “VISION” Approach

The VISION approach begins with using evidence and data to identify candidates or groups that are engaged in repeated violent behavior or elevated risk of engaging in violence, which are precursors to continued violent behavior. This approach relies on research, which demonstrates that a small percentage of people are responsible for a disproportionate amount of violence and harm.¹ These candidates will qualify for the VISION program and will be viewed as *self-identified candidates* based on their repeated violent behavior.

VISION will then employ intervention strategies for identified candidates, with a key focus on support, services, and accountability. As such, the approach is intended to be viewed as an *opportunity*, rather than a punitive approach for those identified.

Candidates will receive direct communication from the VISION Team. The themes of the communication messaging will be clear and consistent, such as:

¹ Wolfgang, Marvin E. et al. (1972) Delinquency in a Birth Cohort. Chicago, IL
Schumacher, M. and G. Kurz (2000). The 8% Solution: Preventing Repeat Juvenile Crime
Fox, B., Allen, S.F., & Toth, A. (2022) Chronic violent offender strategies in Tampa



“We represent the Vallejo community and are here to help you. We are offering you support and resource opportunities that you may not have had access to before. Our community, police, and federal partners all share the same goal of helping you disengage from violence...to stop hurting others and yourself.”

Candidates will be told why they are receiving the messaging and inform them that they will receive extra attention and support due to their repeated violent behavior. The VISION Team will share with them opportunities available to help them cease engaging in violence. Candidates will be asked to stop their violent behavior, nothing beyond what is expected of every member of the Vallejo community. While they will not receive any additional consequences beyond what is permitted by the criminal justice system, they will receive closer oversight by VPD and its partners. If the identified candidates choose to continue to engage in violent crime, the efforts that have been afforded to them through VISION will be disclosed to law enforcement and prosecutors.

This approach is intended to be fluid with collaboration being inclusive, transparent, and adaptive to change with the on-going theme of continuous improvement. VISION will be initially implemented on a small manageable scale. The VISION Team will learn from experience and data to then modify and expand VISION within capacities and realized outcomes.

A Holistic Response to Victimization

Vallejo VISION will also provide opportunities for victims of gun violence in the community as well as support and services to the VISION candidates’ immediate family members.

A Recidivism Perspective

Vallejo VISION will strive to promote its success based on changing violent behavior and increasing the accountability of the identified candidates. Ideally, the candidate will make these changes by welcoming and receiving support, or just by stopping their violent behavior even if they decline support and resource assistance. If instead the candidate reoffends and receives enhanced attention, they will be held accountable by the criminal justice system where they *likely would not have otherwise been without the VISION attention*, this will also be viewed as success. The candidate’s ability to commit additional violence will be reduced through enhanced accountability and consequences. Both result in the community and the candidate being safer.

A Customized Approach within Vallejo’s Capacities

The VISION model is designed within the partners’ capacities and available resources. VPD has significant challenges with capacities, including staffing and investigative resources. Their ratio of officers to population is well below the national average, which presents unique challenges for implementation. Reduction of violent crime is the primary goal, but an effective VISION approach can also have a positive impact on police and community resources, along with significant financial savings for the city if criminal activity is deterred.

To reach the desired effect, the VISION approach must be viewed as legitimate by those who receive the intervention messaging. If our message conveys that we are here to help these candidates, we must have the capacity to provide that help if they seek it. The same is true for our message that the candidates will receive enhanced attention if they reoffend; we must embody this if their violence continues.

Vallejo VISION Implementation Plan

The remainder of this document outlines plans for the execution of Vallejo VISION.

Communications and Messaging on the Vallejo VISION Approach

Messaging to all will be proactive and consistent in promoting that VISION is a collaboration with the community partners, VPD, the City of Vallejo, local and federal partners and shared information and intervention strategies will occur.

- ***Internal VISION Partners:*** VPD will provide organizational messaging that clearly outlines what the VISION approach is and what it is *not*. The messaging will describe the intent of the intervention approach and detail where every VISION Team member has specific roles and responsibilities. Officers in the field will have a clear understanding of how they may contribute to the approach. All VPD personnel will be made aware that this is a *collaboration with community* and shared information and intervention strategies will occur. No sensitive, confidential, or tactical information will be shared outside of criminal justice partnerships that are not already permitted by VPD policies and procedures.
- ***External Public and Media:*** The VISION partners will adopt a transparent messaging approach to the community that conveys the intent and status of this effort as a citywide commitment. The public will know that messaging will be delivered directly to those driving the gun crime, whether it be candidates or groups, and this messaging will be provided by community support groups and criminal justice partners together – the VIT. Messaging will also promote that Vallejo VISION will take a proactive approach to better help victims and families of shootings in the community by offering direct support and services.

VISION Criteria and Selection

The VISION Team will collaboratively determine the candidate pool using evidence based upon *behavior* – the tangible data and information that a candidate has a history and recency of gun-violence behavior. This will include a variety of criminal-behavior data and assessment points, such as:

- Criminal history
- Recency – currently engaging in and/or a victim of gun violence
- Police reports
- Community stakeholder input
- Known active gang affiliation
- Police officer and detective referrals
- Criminal justice partner intelligence

VISION will also establish criteria for the duration for which candidates will be part of VISION.

VISION Intervention and Messaging to Identified Candidates- “Custom Notifications”

After VISION candidates are identified, the VISION Team will provide the intervention messaging directly to the candidates to include:

- A consistent message to every candidate of support and accountability.

- Face-to-face dialogue at the candidate’s residence or a prearranged location (i.e., a neutral location like a community facility or church).
 - Any candidate may have a support person present during the messaging.
 - Ideally a person who is a positive influence in the candidate’s life.
 - Contact candidates at their residence if needed.
- An opportunity for the candidate to ask questions.
- Documentation of the intervention.

VISION Support and Services

After a candidate receives the intervention messaging, the VISION Team will conduct wrap around case management as follows:

- VPD and CUE make the referral.
- CUE facilitates the face-to-face meeting, provides a VISION letter, and the candidate completes an intake and assessment.
- From that point forward, CUE will assign a case manager to engage with the person at least once per week for intensive case management support.

VISION Metrics

Metrics for VISION candidate engagement in services and support will be tracked and evaluated at standing regular meetings with the VISION Team. These metrics include but are not limited to the following:

- Participant engagement and service utilization
- Progress toward safety, stability, and access to services
- Participant reported outcomes related to support and resource access

VISION Group Intervention Communications (VGIC) – “Call-In Meetings”

When needed, for example crisis situations, the VISION Team will consider conducting in-person meetings with community members who may be both formal and informal leaders of groups/gangs who are involved in violent activities. The meetings will serve as a direct notification for those actively committing violence and/or a discussion with those who may not be directly committing violence but are connected/influential with those who are.

These meetings will focus on establishing positive communications and relationship building to better address those who are both driving the violence and those most victimized by the violence. Support and resources will be offered, and the intent will be to receive buy-in and shared cooperation to stop the violence.

These meetings will have the below considerations:

- **Recipients:** Identify the right people who can impact the current violence (e.g., legitimate influencers who can affect change)
 - Start small, even with just one representative/influencer from each group
 - Establish an agreed upon communication mechanism (e.g., email, text, phone)
- **Messengers:** Identify the appropriate messengers who will be the most effective and respected by the recipients. This should not be viewed as a political platform as the recipients will see through that, and legitimacy will be impacted.
- **Invitation:** Convey the purpose and goal of the meeting and highlight that this is an effort to make everyone safer, regardless of any affiliations or disputes.
 - Conduct the invitation in-person, by a VISION Team member.
 - Communicate there will be ground rules for this meeting.
 - Convey that this is an opportunity to be heard, but also to listen and ultimately leave the meeting with positive, actionable next steps.
 - Motivate and incentivize, if needed, to potentially lessen possible tensions about the meeting. For example:
 - Offer a meal at venue prior to the discussion.
 - Offer a gift card from local business. (This is an opportunity for local businesses to contribute to crime reduction.)
 - Empower the recipients that the community and VISION “needs” them and they can make a difference where others cannot.
 - *This is all about saving lives. We all need you...what can you do?*
- **Venue:** Select a neutral location that is safe, comfortable, and convenient for all, such as:
 - Faith-based building
 - Community center
 - Library
- **Transportation:** Communicate that VISION can aid with providing transportation to and from the meeting.
- **Security considerations for VPD:** Establish a clear operations safety plan depending upon the participants. Considerations include:
 - How/Who/When arrives at venue and where they go.
 - Weapons screening, if needed.
 - Separate rooms, if needed to avoid confrontations prior to discussions.
 - Cellphones off.
 - Make it clear that this is voluntary (unless if mandated by Probation and Parole or a Judge), and that anyone is free to leave if they choose to.
- **Meeting room configuration**
 - Set room dependent upon identified participants.
 - Set tables/chairs in a horseshoe or circle.
 - Have facilitators stand in the middle of the group or in front of seating.
 - Decide on where VPD personnel will sit/stand and what messaging to deliver depending upon the intended audience.

- **Messaging considerations**

- Meeting should be no longer than one hour.
- Overall messaging should focus on VISION being a different approach and is collaborative.
 - Meeting should be facilitated by VISION community leaders but noting that VPD is a partner and that VISION partners all share the same goals.
 - It is pivotal to demonstrate that the community and police stand unified in wanting the violence to stop and for candidates to receive support and resources.
 - Recognize that VPD understands that arrests are not the solution to the long-term impact of violence.
 - Foster collaboration that benefits all.
- Convent genuine help from community support and resources.
 - Criminal Justice partners will focus more on those driving the violence.
- Mutually agree upon next steps.

VGIC Example Agenda Considerations

1. Share the agenda with all participants before the event.
2. Set a specific time that the meeting will start and end.
3. Confirm the participants that will be attending the day before (best to VISION's ability)
 - Have a plan to communicate to all if event needs to be postponed.
4. Make it clear that this will be a productive discussion with mutual respect and consideration for all and not a platform to air grievances.
5. Have designated speakers to facilitate the meeting and designated community leader/influencers who represent the groups contributing to violence.
6. Take detailed notes and provide a summary at the end of the discussion that identifies the mutually agreed upon action steps for moving forward.
7. Identify a follow-up date/time for communications on status of action steps.

Post Interventions Follow-up

Vallejo VISION recognizes that follow-up with identified candidates is critical for legitimacy and success. The VISION support team will attempt to establish a follow-up meeting with candidates to go into greater detail about the opportunities and potentially establish a candidate plan for the candidate to receive needed resources.

- VISION will communicate with all partners on a regular basis about candidates who have received the intervention and their status.
 - CUE/VSHC will communicate using a case management approach at the monthly CVI Impact Team meeting.

Evaluation Considerations

VISION will establish a robust evaluation approach to determine impacts and metrics for success, such as the following:

- Effectiveness of intervention strategies

- Receipt of requested resources for candidates
- Reoffending of candidates
- Community perceptions
- Candidate perceptions
- Overall impacts on gun violence
- Resource and support deliverable needs
- Areas of improvement that may be needed with Vallejo VISION, for example:
 - Trainings needed
 - Communication and information sharing
 - Roles and responsibility clarifications
 - Additional partners needed
 - Improved collaboration with surrounding communities

Closing

VISION is an attempt to do more. Though traditional police enforcement efforts can be effective, they often may not address the root causes of violence and are typically reactive approaches – after the crimes have been committed. Prolific offenders who continue their violent activities indicate that current criminal justice and societal applications are not effective in curtailing their behavior, and extra attention and strategies are clearly needed.

VISION is a collaborative approach involving criminal justice partners and community resource providers that aims to focus on and deter violence before it happens *and* to have a generational impact on future violence. As VISION grows, we anticipate collaborating with many more partners in our community to continue to make Vallejo safer.



Vallejo Police Dept.

Co-Response for mental health related incidents

Lieutenant Stephen Darden

The Vallejo Police Department policy provides guidance for officers interacting with individuals experiencing mental health or emotional crisis.

- Encounters may involve miscommunication or elevated risk of violence
- Officers must assess mental state, intent, and safety risks
- Requires legal and effective response under rapidly changing conditions

A “person in crisis” is someone whose emotional or psychological state exceeds their ability to self-regulate.

A crisis may be caused by:

- Worsening mental illness symptoms
- Medication non-compliance
- Substance use or withdrawal
- Environmental stressors or trauma

Co-response teams may include:

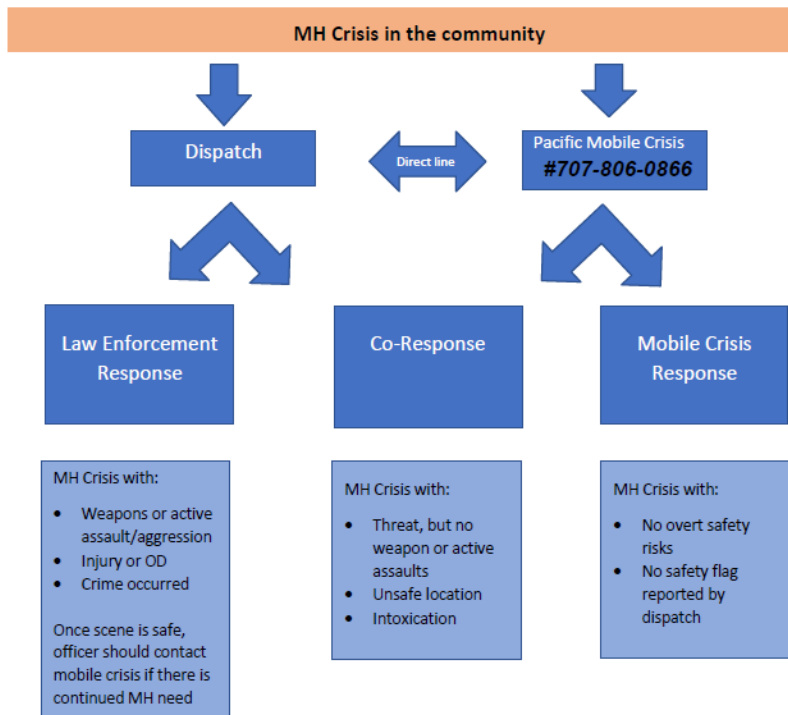
- Police officers
- Mental health clinicians
- Social workers
- EMTs or medical staff
- Crisis intervention specialists
- Community resource navigators

Typical calls include:

- Suicidal subjects
- Mental health crises
- Substance abuse incidents
- Welfare checks
- Behavioral disturbances

What Co-Response Means

Solano Mobile Crisis Responses



The Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) is Vallejo's co-response unit.

Program goals:

- Trauma-informed crisis response
- Behavioral health assessments
- De-escalation support
- Connection to housing and treatment services
- Follow-up and case management

The City of Vallejo established IHART to divert a large percentage of crisis calls from traditional enforcement pathways.

When 911 receives a mental health-related call: Dispatch and officers assess:

- Whether a crime occurred
- Risk of violence or weapons
- Whether 5150 criteria may apply
- Safety of scene for responders

Response flow:

- Officers secure the scene if needed
- Clinicians lead communication when safe
- Joint assessment determines next steps

IHART and co-response teams can connect individuals to:

- Inpatient psychiatric care
- Outpatient counseling
- Substance abuse treatment programs
- Homeless shelters and outreach
- Housing navigation services
- Medical and crisis stabilization services
- Community support resources

Emphasis is placed on follow-up care, not just immediate resolution.

Common risks include:

- Weapons or unknown threats
- Suicide attempts
- Violence toward family or public
- Unstable or unpredictable behavior

Officer responsibilities:

- Use de-escalation and CIT techniques
- Apply time, distance, and cover principles
- Determine if 5150 involuntary hold criteria is met under California law
- Ensure legal justification for any detention or entry

The department provides comprehensive training aligned with POST standards:

Basic Academy training includes:

- Mental illness recognition
- Suicide intervention awareness
- De-escalation techniques
- Crisis communication skills
- Legal standards for detention

Additional training:

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) 40-hour course
- Behavioral Health Training under Penal Code § 13515.28
- Scenario-based and cultural competency training

Legal Considerations

Caniglia v. Strom (2021)

Limits warrantless entry into homes during welfare checks. Officers must have exigent circumstances or emergency aid justification before entering a residence.

Torres v. Madrid (2021) Any intentional application of force may constitute a Fourth Amendment seizure. Reinforces the importance of de-escalation and proportional force during crisis encounters.

Scott v. Smith (2025) Officers generally have no constitutional duty to protect a specific individual from self-harm absent custody or a special relationship. Highlights the importance of proper 5150 documentation and custody determinations.

Operational Impact

Use time, distance, communication, and de-escalation whenever feasible. Clearly articulate legal justification for entry, detention, and use of force. Thorough documentation is critical for crisis-response decision-making.

The co-response model aims to:

- Reduce use-of-force incidents
- Decrease unnecessary arrests
- Improve mental health outcomes
- Reduce emergency room overcrowding
- Strengthen community trust
- Treat behavioral health as a medical issue, not only a criminal one



THANK YOU