

NEWPORT NEWS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

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“Strong prosecution of domestic violence cases is homicide prevention. I recognize that truly safe communities require strong partnerships that extend far beyond the walls of the courthouse, so we continue to work with our partners to end domestic violence in Newport News, building safety through collaboration with this community.”

**Howard Gwynn
Commonwealth Attorney for Newport News**

"We stand against the silence of abuse and will continue to work with our community partners to break the chains of violence and provide unwavering support to identify ways to prevent and put an end to domestic violence in our community."

**Chief Steve Drew
Newport News Police Department**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) is a multi-disciplinary group of Newport News professionals who care deeply about those impacted by domestic violence. Members of the team meet monthly to review facts and circumstances of past Newport News domestic violence-related homicides. The team seeks to determine risk factors and opportunities for improvement in all cases. Then, members collaborate to make recommendations for change with the overarching goal of preventing similar fatalities in the future.

Those that perpetrate domestic violence are ultimately the ones responsible for the death of their victim(s). That being said, the DVFRT's collective goal is not to place blame on any agency, but rather to better understand the dynamics of the situation for the benefit of preventing additional fatalities from occurring.

From November 2024 to April 2025, the Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team reviewed 4 out of 37 domestic violence related deaths that occurred between 2017 and 2023 within the City of Newport News. The cases reviewed included four homicides, one attempted homicide, and an additional two offender suicides immediately following the victim's death.

The following statistics of reported crimes between 2017 and 2025 were compiled with the assistance of the Newport News Police Department and are some of the prominent findings from the team's review:

21% of homicides that occurred in Newport News were domestic violence related.

14% of aggravated assaults that occurred in Newport News were domestic violence related.

29% of simple assaults that occurred in Newport News were domestic violence related.

After reviewing each case, the DVFRT identifies recommendations in three categories:

1. Professional Training
2. Community Outreach and Education
3. Systems Coordination and Improvement

The following recommendations highlight observations from the team's case reviews, but also observations that team members have broadly noted while working with the citizens of Newport News and victims of domestic violence:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

- Provide additional training to local Magistrates and Judges regarding the complexities of domestic violence relationships, the warning signs of domestic violence

relationships, and the danger posed when offenders are released to the community following a domestic violence arrest.

- Provide additional training to medical professionals regarding domestic violence indicators. Also, encouraging all doctors, regardless of their patient's gender, to privately inquire with their patients regarding whether they feel safe within their homes/communities. Moreover, encouraging all medical providers to report parents and guardians to Child Protective Services (CPS) when they have extreme or ongoing concerns regarding the treatment of a child.
 - Further, provide additional training to behavioral and mental health professionals, encouraging advanced training on risk and lethality indicators in violent relationships.
 - In addition, educate mental health professionals regarding the importance of, periodically, but continually, "checking in" on patients who struggle with mental health diagnoses, especially when those individuals are caretakers of children.
- Remind mandatory abuse reporters of the importance of reporting suspected abused and/or neglected children. Additionally, work to create a more consistent understanding of what should be reported to the Department of Social Services – CPS.
- Provide training to community leaders regarding the importance of decreasing the number of domestic violence incidences within Newport News, as well as the importance of supporting and retaining those that work with, and for, domestic violence reduction causes.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

- Educate juveniles in the Newport News Public School System and local private schools, regarding warning signs of teen dating violence and violence within the home; in addition to what they can do to help themselves, a friend, or family member who may be experiencing domestic violence.
- Continue to educate the community about the importance of firearm safety, as well as the increased risk of the presence of firearms in homes where domestic violence is also present.
- Educate the community about available mental health services; for example, the availability of health care alternatives for people who may be struggling financially. Also educate the community regarding mental health warning signs and other mental health resources, like Emergency Custody Orders (ECOs) and Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs).
- Educate victims of domestic violence, as well as their family members and friends, regarding conditions that may be ordered in the event that an offender is released on bond for criminal charges. The team wishes to remind these individuals that if they become aware of the offender violating any of these conditions, that they should immediately contact law enforcement and the prosecutor's office.

- Continue efforts to increase community participation in preventing and intervening in domestic violence; particularly, education on risk factors and safety planning. Also, ensuring that community members understand the precursors of domestic violence relationships and the resources available to those who suffer abuse.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SYSTEMS COORDINATION AND IMPROVEMENT

- Provide additional resources to Newport News Child Protective Services (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS) to assist them in retaining qualified case workers, training new case workers, and providing ongoing refresher training for those established within their agencies.
 - Further, encourage the creation of a nationwide database that could be utilized by CPS/APS caseworkers; with aim to create and support transparency across state lines for cases of repeated abuse or neglect, that may have been reported in a separate locality.
- Increase victim advocacy services system-wide (including the police department, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, community-based organizations, and culturally-specific organizations) so they can follow up with victims more frequently and more proactively.
- Expand service options for children who witness domestic violence and/or experience vicarious trauma from domestic violence.
 - Encourage collaboration among victim service agencies and Newport News Public Schools to ensure timely wraparound services following homicides; with the intent to address both the individual complex trauma faced by children involved and the vicarious trauma experienced by classmates and friends.
- Continue cross-collaborative efforts amongst agencies to foster and enrich our relationships with the ultimate end goal of stopping domestic violence.

The DVFRT's review of these 4 cases is just the beginning. The team remains committed to helping reduce the occurrence of domestic violence and support those who have been impacted by it, not only within Newport News, but throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ABOUT THE TEAM

MEMBERS

The Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team is a multi-disciplinary group of professionals who meet monthly to review the facts and circumstances surrounding domestic violence related homicides in Newport News, with the aim of diminishing the likelihood of future domestic violence fatalities.

Fatality review teams were authorized by the Code of Virginia in 1999 and the Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team was created in 2018. The Team paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic and began reviewing cases again in 2024.

The Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team is co-chaired by the Newport News Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office and the Newport News Police Department. The team includes “core members,” or members who are routinely at every meeting and share insight on all cases. Depending on the fatality to be reviewed, community stakeholders from other agencies may be invited to the fatality review. These members are called “auxiliary members.” All members work collaboratively to collect information relative to the assigned case and then meet and discuss the case with a hope to determine if there were any risk factors or opportunities for homicide prevention.

All team members care deeply about preventing future domestic violence homicides. Each member participated with purpose, commitment and insight. We are grateful to the following agencies who have served on our team.

CORE MEMBERS:

- Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office for the City of Newport News
- Newport News Police Department
- Newport News Court System
- Newport News Court Service Unit
- Transitions Family Violence Services
- Virginia Department of Corrections -- District 19 News Probation and Parole
- Newport News Department of Human Services – Child Protective Services
- Hampton-Newport News Criminal Justice Agency

AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

- Newport News Public Schools
- Newport News Fire Department
- Riverside Health System – Forensic Nurses

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team is to review intimate partner and family violence fatalities that occur within Newport News to prevent future family violence related deaths.

Our Team will work to identify the circumstances that lead to the death(s) and determine any pre-death indicators that could have prompted earlier identification, intervention, and prevention efforts in similar cases.

Further, while our Team realizes that the perpetrators of family violence are the ones ultimately responsible for the death of their victim(s), our goal is not to place blame, but rather, to better understand the dynamics of the situation to prevent future fatalities from occurring.

Our Team is dedicated to improving safety and services for family violence victims and the City of Newport News, as a whole. The findings of this Fatality Review Team will serve to strengthen prevention efforts, improve coordination amongst agencies, mitigate risk factors and augment support services for survivors of domestic violence.

CASE REVIEWS

CASE TYPES

The Team reviews domestic violence homicides and homicide-suicides (also referred to throughout this report as domestic violence-related homicides) that occur in Newport News.

Intimate partner homicide victims were killed by one of the following: spouse (married or separated); former spouse; and current or former boyfriend, girlfriend, same-sex partner, or dating partner. This group can include homicides in which only one of the parties has pursued or perceived the relationship with the other, where at least one of the following was historically noted: rejection, threats, harassment, stalking, possessiveness, or issuance of a protective order.

The Team also reviews cases other than those whose victims are intimate partners; for instance, cases where the victims are children, parents, or other household members of the offender.

The Team reviews only closed cases and does not attempt to re-open the investigation of those deaths. Closed cases are those where the offender is dead or has been convicted of the death and all the criminal appeals have expired.

CASE REVIEW CONFIDENTIALITY

Team meetings, and therefore case reviews, are closed and confidential. Pursuant to §32.1-283.3(F) of the Code of Virginia, all Team members, including alternates and any other persons presenting information and records on specific fatalities to the Team at a closed case review meeting, are required to execute a sworn statement at each meeting honoring the confidentiality of the information, records, discussions, and opinions disclosed during case review. Violations of this subsection are punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Additionally, all information and records obtained or created regarding the review of a fatality are confidential and excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code §2.2-3700 et seq.). Such information and records are not subject to subpoena or discovery. At the conclusion of each individual case review, all information and records concerning the victim of the fatality and surviving family members are returned to the originating agency or destroyed.

Summaries and reports on the team's findings and recommendations are presented only in aggregate form to provide patterns and trends in intimate partner homicides and homicide-suicides.

REVIEW PROCESS

The Team collects consistent data for each case, including demographic information, medical examiner reports, criminal justice histories of the victim and the offender, other known history of intimate partner violence, information regarding the legal or advocacy services that the victim sought or utilized prior to their death, media reports, and any additional context prior to or following the death as they relate to the domestic violence involved in the case. In some cases, the Team may also be able to interview family members or friends of the victim or offender. These interviews can provide great contextual information about the relationship dynamics and prior unreported violence.

At Team meetings, members are presented with a summary containing the details of the death and additional information is provided by members of any involved agency; to include the surrounding circumstances of the case or involved parties. For this additional information, the Team may invite special guests such as the investigating detective, the prosecuting commonwealth's attorney, involved victim advocates, representatives of other agencies, or family/friends of those involved in the fatality to assist with the review. Each Team member is counted on for their vocational expertise and any notes from their agency's interaction(s) with the offender, victim, or other involved party to assist in a more thorough review process.

In their analysis, the Team reviews the following systems:

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution

- Courts
- Corrections
- Probation
- Victim Service Agencies
- Medical Services
- Mental and Behavioral Health Care Services
- Legislation and Public Policy
- Other Community and Social Services (including schools)

Once the Team's review of the facts and any additional context is completed, they begin to use forms and instruction from the Virginia Department of Health for structured analysis. This allows the Team to distinguish where risks and opportunities lie for each individual case. They then begin to make their recommendations, which can be directly and indirectly related to the involved systems of the given case, with aim to prevent future fatalities that share some of the same characteristics. *The recommendations are made without blame or judgement on any agency or otherwise involved person(s).* All members of the Newport News Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team were given the opportunity to review and give their own opinion on each of the recommendations included in this report.

FINDINGS FROM CASE REVIEWS

The following statistics were compiled with the assistance of the Newport News Police Department. Reporting officers are responsible for the domestic violence designation and selection for purposes of their records in any given case. Accuracy of these numbers potentially does not reflect all domestic violence that occurs in the City of Newport News as incidences where the parties do not reside together, share children, or have a past/current spousal relationship, are likely not to be counted here.

- A total of 234 homicides occurred between 2017 and 2025. *21% of all homicides in Newport News during this time were domestic violence related.*
- During this period, there were a total of 13,737 “aggravated” assaults. Aggravated assault was defined as an assault that included a weapon (gun, knife, etc.) or resulted in more serious injuries (broken bones, concussions, lacerations, loss of ability to breathe, etc.). *Of these aggravated assaults, 14% were of a domestic nature.*
- During this time period, there were a total of 23,251 “simple” assaults. Simple assault was defined as an assault that did not include a weapon or serious injury, for example, hair pulling, pushing/shoving, and slapping. *Of these assaults, 29% were of a domestic nature.*

For purposes of this reporting period, the Team reviewed four domestic violence related homicides from 2017 to 2023. Cumulatively, the cases were comprised of 5 total victims (4 deceased) and 4 offenders. The following findings refer to the team’s analysis of the four homicides:

VICTIM & OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

- Gender: Of the cases reviewed, 3 out of 4 of the deceased victims were female. Of the offenders, one was a female and three were male.
- Age: Of the four cases reviewed, three of the victims were juveniles and two of the victims were adults. 3 out of 4 of the offenders were adults.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFENDER & VICTIM

- 3 of the 4 incidents involved intimate partner violence (IPV), and the remaining case involved violence to a child by a caretaker.
- Of the IPV cases, two of the three matters reviewed involved married parties.
- One of the cases reviewed involved a woman who was pregnant.

LOCATION OF HOMICIDES

3 of the 4 homicides happened at the shared home of the victim and offender. One of the homicides occurred in a public location.

FATAL AGENT USED IN HOMICIDES

Firearms were used in 3 out of 4 of the cases. Knives were utilized in the remaining case.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During the Team’s review of domestic violence related deaths that occurred between 2017 and 2023, the Team discussed the facts and circumstances surrounding each of the cases. Those facts and circumstances are reflected above in the “Findings from Case Reviews” section. Additionally, the reviews of these cases prompted discussion and analysis from the multi-disciplinary team regarding any gaps in existing services and possible improvements or changes to the system response to both victims and offenders of domestic violence. The results of those discussions from case reviews conducted between 2017-2023 are reflected in the recommendations presented in this section.

For this report, the Team grouped their recommendations into three categories:

1. Professional Training
2. Community Outreach and Education
3. Systems Coordination and Improvement

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Provide additional training to local Magistrates and Judges regarding the complexities of domestic violence relationships, the warning signs of domestic violence relationships, and the danger posed when offenders are released to the community following a domestic violence arrest.
- Provide additional training to local religious community members, particularly on high-risk domestic violence indicators and potential safety risks.
 - The Team is hopeful that this would foster an understanding that religious leaders conducting couples counseling, or 3rd party providers present for church-based counseling, would be able to identify warning signs and risks of domestic abuse. It is paramount that these leaders and providers acknowledge that there are some situations where couples counseling may not be the appropriate solution for a couple when domestic violence is present in the relationship.
- Provide additional training to medical professionals regarding domestic violence indicators. Also, encourage all doctors, regardless of their patient’s gender, to privately inquire whether the patient feels safe within their homes/communities. Moreover, encourage all medical providers to report parents and guardians to Child Protective Services (CPS) when they have an extreme or ongoing concern(s) regarding the treatment of a child.

- Further, provide additional training to behavioral and mental health professionals, encouraging advanced training on risk and lethality indicators in violent relationships.
- In addition, educate mental health professionals regarding the importance of periodically, but continually, “checking in” on patients who struggle with their mental health, especially when those individuals are caretakers of children.
- Remind mandatory abuse reporters on the importance of reporting suspected abused and/or neglected children. Additionally, work to create a more consistent understanding of what should be reported to the Department of Social Services – CPS.

One of the cases reviewed involved a situation where a medical professional was likely aware of domestic abuse involving a juvenile victim. No information within reviewable materials indicates that the medical professional reported the abuse to Child Protective Services (CPS).

Further, an additional case indicated that other medical professionals may have had ongoing concerns regarding the health and safety of a child, however, no known report was made to Child Protective Services (CPS).

Team members support ongoing training for mandatory abuse reporters regarding the importance of reporting suspected abused and/or neglected children.

- Provide training to community leaders regarding the importance of decreasing the number of domestic violence incidences within Newport News, as well as the importance of supporting and retaining those that work with, and for, domestic violence reduction causes.
- Provide additional training to local first responders (ex. firefighters, park rangers, etc.) regarding the warning signs of domestic violence and the importance of alerting law enforcement if they believe that someone they’re interacting with may be in an abusive situation.
- Continue providing education to Newport News Police Department personnel regarding domestic violence, to include noticed trends within the community and additional ways to foster a prosecutable domestic violence case.
- Provide training to the Newport News Sheriff’s Office personnel regarding domestic violence, particularly the warning signs for high-risk domestic violence abusers.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Educate juveniles, in the Newport News Public School System and local private schools, regarding warning signs of teen dating violence and violence within the home; in addition to what they can do to help themselves, a friend, or family member who may be experiencing domestic violence.

One of the cases reviewed involved a juvenile victim and/or offender. Evidence indicates that there were many “warning signs” of domestic violence that may not have been followed up on by the victim or the victim’s friends and family members. Concerns were voiced by Team members regarding what information juveniles have regarding warning signs of teen dating violence and violence within the home. Team members have already engaged with Newport News Public Schools to set up domestic violence and dating violence education, to include the early disclosure to a trusted adult of the occurring violence. Team members are hopeful to expand this training to those that attend private schools as well.

- Work with local business organizations to help them understand warning signs of domestic violence relationships and what they can do to help employees who may be domestic violence victims.
- Educate property management groups regarding tenancy laws that support domestic violence victims.
- Educate childcare center staff regarding the warning signs of domestic violence and what to do if they are concerned that one of their enrolled children may be being abused.
- Continue to educate the community about the importance of firearm safety, as well as the increased risk of the presence of firearms in homes where domestic violence is also present.

At least one of the cases involved a firearm that was illegally possessed by the offender. Team members will continue to educate community members about reporting unlawful gun possession to local law enforcement. Further, team members would like to work with local law enforcement agencies to organize a gun “buyback” program, aimed at removing unwanted firearms from circulation and potentially reducing gun violence. This program would allow individuals to bring a firearm, regardless of condition or legality, into a designated location during a buyback event and law enforcement could purchase the firearm.

Additionally, we are seeing a trend of juveniles in our community accidentally harming themselves, or others, after gaining access to firearms within their homes. Team members would like to continue educating the community on firearm safety, especially when juveniles are present within the home.

- Educate the community about available mental health services, including the availability of health care alternatives for people who may be struggling financially, mental health warning signs, and other mental health resources, such as Emergency Custody Orders (ECOs) and Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs).

One of the cases reviewed involved an individual who was struggling with mental health issues. Evidence indicated that family members and friends may not have been aware of early warning signs that indicated the offender was struggling with mental health issues. Other evidence suggested that the individual may have benefited from emergency psychiatric care via an Emergency Custody Order (ECO) or Temporary Detention Order (TDO). Team members support the education of community members about early warning signs of mental health issues so that individuals can get assistance to combat these issues as quickly as possible. This education would also teach options for instances when family members and friends may observe concerning behavior that would qualify for an ECO or TDO request.

- Develop suicide prevention and education materials about the connection between suicide and domestic violence.
- Educate victims of domestic violence (as well as their family members and friends) regarding conditions that may be ordered if an offender is released on bond for criminal charges. Individuals should be reminded that if they become aware of the offender violating any of these conditions, they should immediately contact law enforcement and the prosecutor's office.

One of the cases reviewed indicated that in a pending criminal case, community members may have been aware that the offender was not in compliance with the terms of their bond on the criminal charges; however, no one within law enforcement or the prosecutor's office was made aware of this. For example, terms of a criminal bond could be no contact with the victim or no possession of firearms. Team members believe additional education would be helpful regarding the importance of immediately contacting local law enforcement and the prosecutor's office if a community member was to become aware of a bond condition violation.

- Continue outreach to military personnel and college students regarding domestic violence.

- Continue to educate the community on the importance of being evaluated by a medical professional after being “strangled,” due to the potential risks of damage to vital organs and veins that control brain functioning.
- Continue educating bilingual communities regarding the signs and risks of domestic violence, as well as what resources are available to support survivors.
- Educate family members of those within nursing homes or assisted living facilities regarding the signs of elder abuse.
- Educate community members of the importance of Child Protective Services “safety plans” and the importance of reporting known safety plan violations to CPS caseworkers. Further, the importance of requesting a child protective order when safety plans are being violated or there is a concern that they would not be complied with.

One of the cases reviewed indicated that a child safety plan put into place by CPS to protect the juvenile involved, was not adhered to by required family members. Team members want to further educate community members regarding the importance of adhering to these child safety plans. Further, team members would advocate that child protective orders, which are enforceable by a Judge and potentially punishable by jail time if not complied with, would be applied for by Child Protective Services, if the safety plan was violated or if there was a valid concern that the safety plan would not be complied with.

- Continue efforts to increase community participation in preventing and intervening in domestic violence, particularly the education of risk factors and safety planning. Also, ensuring that community members understand the precursors of domestic violence relationships and the resources available to those who suffer abuse.

One of the cases reviewed indicated that the victim was attempting to leave the offender but may not have been aware that the ending of an abusive relationship can be one of the most dangerous catalysts for domestic violence. Team members want to continue to educate victims and their allies on the importance of safety plans when exiting an abusive relationship.

SYSTEMS COORDINATION AND IMPROVEMENT

- Increase victim advocacy services system-wide (within the police department and the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, as well as with community and culturally-specific organizations) so they can follow up with victims more frequently and more proactively.

- Expand service options for children who witness domestic violence and/or experience vicarious trauma from domestic violence.
 - Encourage collaboration among victim service agencies and Newport News Public Schools to ensure timely wraparound services following homicides; with the intent to address both the individual complex trauma faced by children involved and the vicarious trauma experienced by classmates and friends.
- Reinstate the High-Risk Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team to discuss ongoing cases of domestic violence.
- Provide additional resources to Newport News Child Protective Services (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS) to assist them in retaining qualified case workers, training new case workers, and providing ongoing refresher training for those established within their agencies.
 - Further, encourage the creation of a nationwide database that could be utilized by CPS/APS caseworkers; with aim to create and support transparency across state lines for cases of repeated abuse or neglect, that may have been reported in a separate locality.

One of the cases reviewed involved investigations by Newport News CPS/APS. Evidence indicated that these complaints were fielded by different case investigators, who did not have past involvement with the child/caregiver. Further, evidence indicates that CPS/APS has a high turnover rate for their caseworkers and they struggle to retain qualified investigators/case workers. Team members encourage local and state government officials to provide CPS/APS additional resources to assist them in retaining qualified case workers, training new case workers, and providing ongoing refresher training to established case workers.

Additionally, it was noted that there is no national database for CPS/APS case workers to research whether an individual being investigated may have prior CPS/APS involvement in another state. Current protocol requires CPS/APS case workers to request records from the other state but does not require the other state to respond in a timely manner. The team endorses the creation of a nationwide database that could be utilized by CPS/APS case workers, enabling them to determine if the caretaker had prior incidents investigated by another state.

- Work to reduce the stigma that men cannot be victims of domestic or sexual abuse; and seek to improve resources for male victims of domestic or sexual violence.
- Continue cross-collaborative efforts to foster and enrich our relationships with the ultimate end goal of stopping domestic violence.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Listed below are various Newport News resources for families experiencing domestic violence. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the agencies below for help. *The hope is that if more information is available to the general community about domestic violence and the deaths caused by it, lives will be saved.*

AGENCY AND CONTACT INFORMATION	SERVICES PROVIDED
<p>Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office</p> <p>Front Desk: (757) 926-7399 Victim Services: (757) 926-7280 Fax: (757) 926-7482 Email: nn-cwatty@nnva.gov</p> <p>2501 Washington Avenue 6th Floor Newport News, Virginia 23607</p> <p>http://www.nncwa.com/</p>	<p>Attorneys prosecute all domestic violence cases that occur within the City of Newport News. Outside of domestic violence cases, this office prosecutes all felony offenses that occur within Newport News, as well as many other misdemeanor crimes.</p> <p>The office also provides victim and witness support via victim/witness advocates. These advocates provide support throughout the court process, provide court accompaniment, and help to provide victims with resources to local counseling services.</p> <p>Prosecutors and advocates provide relevant training to community members and law enforcement agencies.</p>
<p>Newport News Police Department</p> <p>EMERGENCIES: Call 911 NON-EMERGENCY: (757) 247-2500</p> <p>PRECINCTS: HQ: (757) 928-4100 North: (757) 369-3105 Central: (757) 591-4978 South: (757) 975-5000</p> <p>Domestic Violence Advocate Message Line: (757) 928-4646</p> <p>9710 Jefferson Avenue Newport News, Virginia 23605</p> <p>http://www.nnva.gov/police</p>	<p>Investigate crimes that occur within the City of Newport News.</p> <p>Additionally, victim advocates support all community members, not just victims of crime. These advocates can help with safety planning, encouragement and support, as well as connecting victims with community resources that may be able to provide additional resources.</p> <p>NNPD personnel also provide training and community outreach regarding a myriad of topic areas, to include domestic violence.</p>

<p>Newport News Magistrate’s Office</p> <p>Phone: (757) 926-8475 230 25th Street Newport News, VA 23607</p> <p>https://www.nnva.gov/2442/Magistrates-Office</p>	<p>This office issues <i>emergency</i> protective orders, issues warrants of arrest for crimes that occur in Newport News, admit criminal defendants to bail or commit them to jail. Further, this office issues mental health emergency custody orders and temporary detention orders.</p>
<p>Newport News Court Services Unit</p> <p>Phone: (757) 926-8781</p> <p>2600 Washington Avenue, 5th Floor Newport News, Virginia 23607</p> <p>https://www.djj.virginia.gov/pages/community/csu7.htm</p>	<p>This office offers services to the community in relation to domestic violence. This includes help with coordinating/petitioning for <i>extended</i> protective orders in cases of domestic violence.</p>
<p>Newport News Courts:</p> <p>Circuit Court (757) 926-8561</p> <p>General District Court – Criminal (757) 926-8811</p> <p>General District Court – Juvenile & Domestic Relations (757) 926-3603</p>	<p>Clerk’s offices are separated by court. You can contact the appropriate clerk’s office for information on your case.</p> <p>You can also appear in person for help with filing civil processes such as custody, child support, eviction, etc.</p>
<p>Transitions Family Violence Services</p> <p>24 Hour CRISIS Hotline: (757) 723-7774 Office: (757) 722-2261</p> <p>P.O. Box 561 Hampton, VA 23669</p>	<p>This organization is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive services to adult and child victims of domestic violence in Hampton Roads.</p> <p>Depending on the situation and need, Transitions may be able to help with emergency housing, therapy for adults and children who have been impacted by domestic violence, support groups, tutoring for school aged children, assistance related to the protective order process. All services provided are free of charge.</p>

<p>Virginia Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline</p> <p>Phone: (800) 838-8283</p> <p>https://vsdvalliance.org/</p>	<p>This hotline is made available 24/7 for victims of domestic violence and other concerned parties. Call the hotline to receive support, resource referrals, and other helpful information.</p>	
<p>Legal Aid</p> <p>Statewide Office: (866) 534-5243 Eastern VA Office: (757) 627-5423</p> <p>https://www.valegalaid.org</p>	<p>Resource extended to those needing legal help, that may not have the means to consult a private attorney. Victims of domestic violence can call for guidance regarding civil processes or other situations that cannot be addressed by local offices such as the Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney.</p>	
<p>The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors</p> <p>Hotline: (757) 236-5260 Office: (757) 599-9844</p> <p>https://www.visitthecenter.org</p>	<p>Support victims of sexual assault in Newport News and surrounding areas through their hotline, counseling, advocacy, special events, and more.</p>	
<p>Riverside Regional Medical Center</p> <p>(757) 594-2000</p> <p>Treat medical issues caused by domestic violence and provide support. <i>Employ Forensic Nurses to work cases of domestic violence.</i></p>	<p>Sentara Port Warwick</p> <p>(757) 736-9898</p> <p>Treat medical issues caused by domestic violence and provide support.</p>	<p>Mary Immaculate Hospital</p> <p>(757) 886-6000</p> <p>Treat medical issues caused by domestic violence and provide support.</p>



If you are interested in more information about this report or preventing domestic violence, please contact the Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office at (757) 926-7443 or via email at nn-cwatty@nnva.gov.

