

26 ENACTS:

27 78B-7-120, Utah Code Annotated 1953



29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section **78B-7-120** is enacted to read:

31 **78B-7-120. Law enforcement -- Training -- Domestic violence -- Lethality**
32 **assessments.**

33 (1) The Department of Public Safety shall develop training in domestic violence
34 responses and lethality assessment protocols, which include the following:

35 (a) recognizing the symptoms of domestic violence and trauma;

36 (b) an evidence-based assessment to identify victims of domestic violence who may be
37 at a high risk of being killed by a perpetrator;

38 (c) lethality assessment protocols and interviewing techniques, including indicators of
39 strangulation;

40 (d) responding to the needs and concerns of a victim of domestic violence;

41 (e) delivering services to victims of domestic violence in a compassionate, sensitive,
42 and professional manner; and

43 (f) understanding cultural perceptions and common myths of domestic violence.

44 (2) ~~H~~→ [(a)] ←~~H~~ The department shall develop and offer an online training course in
44a domestic
45 violence issues to all certified law enforcement officers in the state.

46 ~~H~~→ [(b) All law enforcement officers shall complete the online course within two years after
47 being certified as a peace officer.] ←~~H~~

48 (3) Training in domestic violence issues shall be incorporated into training offered by
49 the Peace Officer Standards and Training division to all persons seeking certification as a peace
50 officer.

51 (4) The department shall develop specific training curriculums that meet the
52 requirements of this section, including:

53 (a) response to domestic violence incidents, including trauma-informed and
54 victim-centered interview techniques;

55 (b) lethality assessment protocols which have been demonstrated to minimize
56 retraumatizing victims; and