

12-9-113. Domestic violence training.

(a) (1) In accordance with the certification requirements of the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for law enforcement officers, all new law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas shall complete at least twenty (20) hours of training in domestic violence and twenty (20) hours of training in child abuse.

(2) Practicum training will also be sufficient for this requirement.

(b) Pertaining to domestic abuse, the topics that shall be covered are:

(1) The dynamics of domestic abuse;

(2) The Domestic Abuse Act of 1991, § 9-15-101 et seq.;

(3) Domestic abuse victim interview techniques;

(4) Supportive services available; and

(5) Pro-arrest guidelines and drawbacks of dual arrest and practices to promote the safety of officers.

(c) Pertaining to child abuse victim interview techniques, the topics that shall be covered are:

(1) Current law, including the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq., and the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, § 9-27-301 et seq.;

(2) Child sexual abuse; and

(3) Physical and behavioral indicators.