

Together for Safety Initiative
Training Session 1 Survey Results (n=4)

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A\ Was there a particular concept or example introduced at the *Responding to Women who have Experienced Violence* training session that you have found to be especially useful or relevant in your work? Please explain.

- The thought that the social responses victims receive can be as traumatic and the assault they experienced simply magnifies the importance of providing the correct response.
- There was lots of good information, nothing specific I can think of though.
- I think the broad range of participants and the dialogue created was most important.
- Yes, in regards to language we use as police officers. I was never aware of the effect using certain common police terms were in their impact of victims of violence. I now have more awareness to this.

B\ Are there any concepts or ideas you learned at the *Responding to Women who have Experienced Violence* training session that you have been able to apply in your work? Please provide an example or two below.

- The use of language. I am more careful not to use mutualizing language.
- Just listening to the women and giving them to speak.
- The link between experiencing violence and mental health disorders. This information has assisted me in becoming a better listener when speaking to victims so that I can identify underlying issues and better assist.

C\ Are there any northern-specific ideas you feel were missing from the *Responding to Women who have Experienced Violence* training session that would be useful when responding to women who have experienced violence? Please explain.

- The lack of housing in the north may push victims back toward their abusers. (i.e., they need shelter).
- Isolated communities and the effect they have in dealing with violence in tight knit communities.

D\ Were there any aspects of the *Responding to Women who have Experienced Violence* training session that were not helpful for you? Please explain.

- Some stuff we do on a day to day basis so was a review.

E\ What would you like to see included in future Together for Safety training opportunities?

- Best practices from other jurisdictions.
- Have a woman in that has dealt with violence to share their experience with the different agencies involved in helping. (Pros and Cons).
- Make this mandatory training.

F\ Do you have any other thoughts about the *Responding to Women who have Experienced Violence* training session you would like to share?

- The TFS protocol in Whitehorse is working and we should be proud of it.
- Thank you.
- My apologies, I feel like I would have needed to complete this right after attending to provide any thoughtful feedback. I can say I really enjoyed it.

