

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY
VIOLENCE STRATEGY

2015 - 2017

NT Police





FOREWORD

It is with great honour that I present the Northern Territory Police Domestic and Family Violence Strategy 2015-2017.

***“DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE
IS A SERIOUS CRIME WHICH DEMANDS
A SERIOUS RESPONSE.”***

Addressing domestic and family violence in our community is one of the highest priorities for the Northern Territory Police Force. We are committed to preventing and reducing the high rate of domestic and family violence. We recognise that this mission is a shared responsibility requiring commitment and collaboration with a wide range of government and non-government agencies, businesses and individuals.

This shared responsibility is reflected in this Strategy which is directly aligned to the objective and priority areas of action in the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022*, *Framing the Future* blueprint, and *Safety is Everyone’s Right*, the NT Government Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014-2017.

Together these strategies aim to:

- Increase the safety of victims, especially children.
- Reduce the rates of intergenerational trauma caused by exposure to domestic and family violence.
- Hold offenders accountable for their actions.
- Establish integrated service delivery systems that improve information sharing amongst agencies and substantially impact on the lives of those in need.

It is vitally important that we continue to focus on reducing domestic violence and work in partnership with the community to ensure a safe and resilient Northern Territory.

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OUR COMMITMENT

IS TO ENSURE THAT THE NT POLICE FORCE:

- Continues to recognise that all personal violence crimes, especially those against women and children and all vulnerable persons, are serious and damaging.
- Recognises that the prevention of domestic and family violence is an individual, family, community and whole of government responsibility.
- Maintains our strong stance on the protection of adult and child victims and holding offenders to account.

WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH:

ENGAGEMENT & PREVENTION

- Supporting communities to prevent, respond to and speak out against domestic and family violence by leading and promoting programs such as White Ribbon.
- Developing restorative approaches to domestic and family violence.
- Identifying children at risk of exposure to domestic and family violence and proactively engaging with other stakeholders to prevent further harm.

EMPOWERMENT & INTERVENTION

- Strengthening the capacity for police to intervene early with referrals to support agencies through SupportLink.
- Identifying families at high risk of serious harm or death and assisting them through the use of the multi-agency Family Safety Framework.
- Reinforcing our values-led culture approved under *VISION 2020* by maintaining an intelligence-led taskforce approach and the enhancement of service delivery.

ENFORCEMENT & PROTECTION

- Enforcing our pro-arrest and charge policy.
- Monitoring DVO compliance by robustly targeting and managing repeat offenders.
- Ensuring our investigation methods, prosecution procedures and training are consistent with best practice.

OUR UNITED FRONT

National Plan to Reduce Violence Against
Women and their Children 2010-2022
Framing the Future Blueprint



Northern Territory Government Domestic and
Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014-2017
Safety is Everyone's Right



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