

Victorian Safe Communities Network Inc.



What Role Can Local
Communities Play?

Types of Incidents Requiring a Report

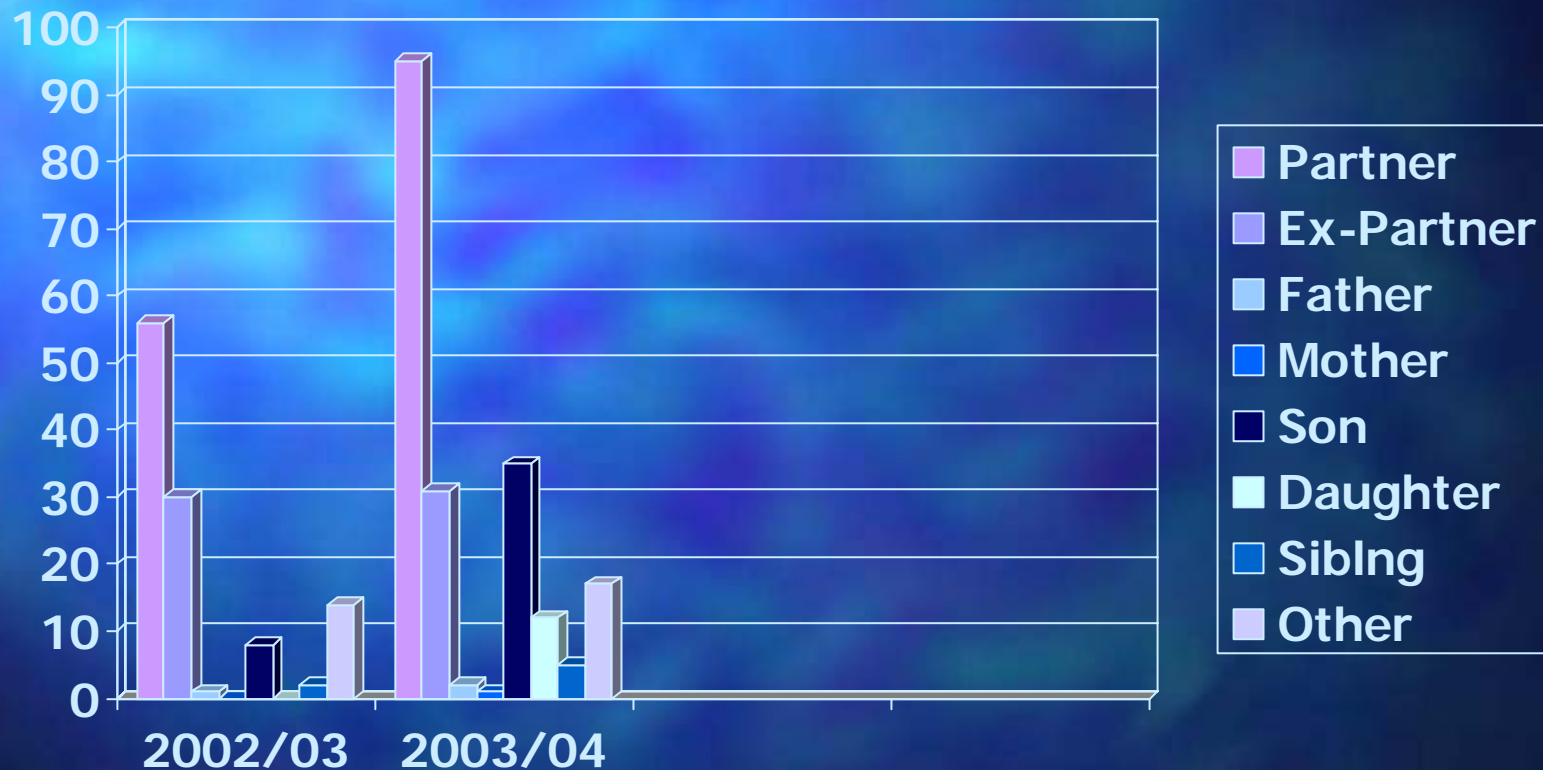
Submission of
Form L17 for any
incident as
detailed b/w
family members a
defined by Crimes
Family Violence
Act

- All forms of abuse including homicides, assaults, verbal abuse, harassment, emotional abuse, molestation, offensive behaviour and damage to property
 - ↑ Harassment means any unwelcome and persistent conduct that the offender ought to be aware as unwelcome
 - ↑ Molestation any a family member generally involves some sexual connotation eg unwelcome sexual advances through to sexual assaults
 - ↑ Offensive behaviour generally means behaviour that is objectively offensive to the average person

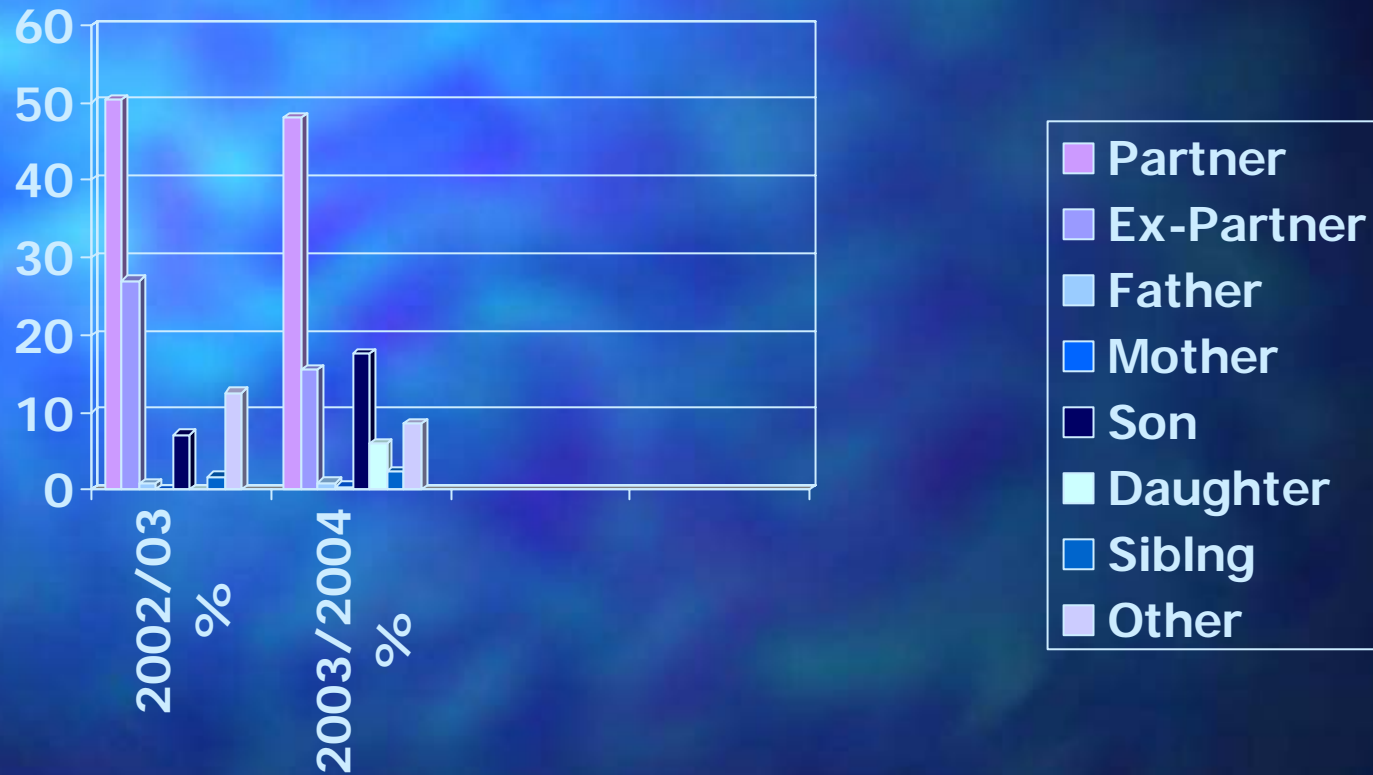
Types of Incidents Requiring a Report

- Any family incident attended by police or reported by police at any location, included reported in person at the police station, regardless of police response
- A verbal dispute b/w family members where no criminal offence is identified however police assistance is sought
- Any family incident where threats are made to a family member by another
- When a breach of an intervention order is reported

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Were Children Present?

- Children under 16 years old were present in 61% of the time in 2002/2003 and 59% of the time in 2003/2004
- Of these:
 - ☑ In 2002/03 27% were aged 5-9 years
 - ☑ In 2002/03 24% were aged 10 - 16 years
 - ☑ In 2003/04 22% were aged 5 - 9 years
 - ☑ In 2003/04 23% were aged 10 - 16 years

Presence of Children where alcohol and drugs were consumed

- ☑ In 2002/03 34% of times when alcohol consumed
- ☑ In 2002/03 7% of times when Drugs consumed
- ☑ In 2003/04 28% of times when alcohol consumed
- ☑ In 2003/04 7% of times when Drugs consumed (no change)

Police Response Times

<u>In</u> <u>minutes</u>	% 2002/03	% 2003/04	% Change
Under 5	38.1	17.2	-20.9
6-10	39.2	32.8	-6.4
11-15	9.3	20.3	+11.0
16-20	4.1	10.9	+6.8
21-30	5.2	12.5	+7.0
Over 30	5.2	6.3	+1.1

Werribee Police Response to Family Violence

- Witnessing family violence has a huge impact on children when they see the abuse and poor coping skills displayed by the adults and absorbing it all.

Social Worker

- It is all too common where the children are used to Police knocking on the door in relation to family violence. Children are generally relieved to see Police as they say that it stops the violence.

Police Officer

Werribee Police Response to Family Violence

- Representation on Family Violence Sub Group
- Appointment of FVLO (Sergeant)
- Family Violence is a district priority
- Strategies included in District Action Plan and Local Safety Plan since 2000
- Liaison with licensed premises regarding the distribution of education coasters



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Werribee Police Response to Family Violence

- Special referral sheets developed in 2000
- Distribution of referral cards started in 2001
- Spirit of Agreement with local agencies signed 2001
- Presentations at forums
- Fax Back Referral Support Program implemented 2002
- FV Risk Assessment and Management Model piloted for Vic Police 2004



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