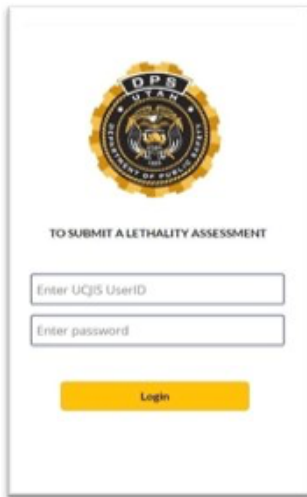
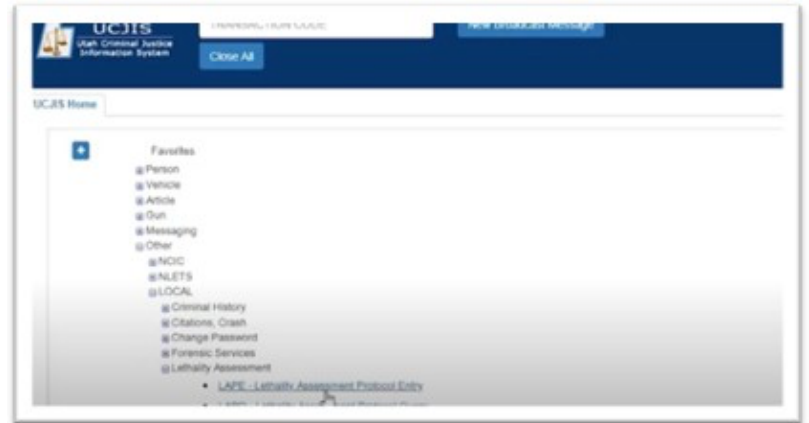


THE UTAH INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE LETHALITY ASSESSMENT



The Utah intimate partner violence (IPV) Lethality Assessment submissions to DPS in a simple and streamlined manner. As of right now, DPS has built a submission entry option into the widely used UCJIS web application. This submission process is a simple online form that can be completed in less than five minutes. Once the form is submitted, an

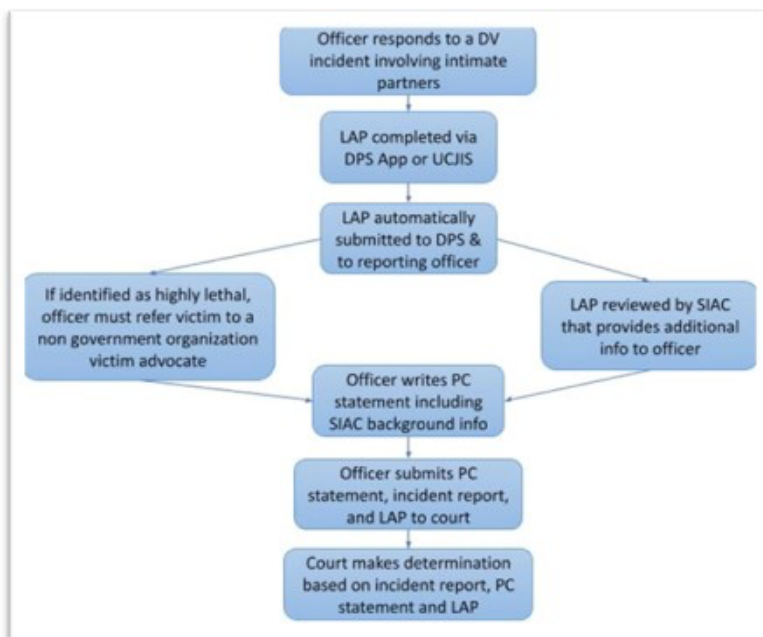


original copy of the assessment will be emailed to the submitting officer for your agency's retention. An additional copy will be retained by

DPS and included within the Lethality Assessment Protocol Database. Beginning July 1, 2023, once DPS receives the submission, the Statewide Information & Analysis Center will promptly provide additional information relevant to the incident to the

requesting officer, which the officer can use to help make their decision on how to proceed and include that information in their report to the courts.

Additionally, we are currently building a Lethality Assessment Protocol mobile application that will be available to all officers and provide the ability to conduct the assessment on a smartphone or tablet even without having internet service.



TRAINING & POLICY CONSIDERATION

There will also be a training component to these changes that will include:

- Regional Visits
- Online Tutorial Videos [Click Here](#)
- Conference Breakout Training
- Handouts and Online Materials
- Updated POST Curriculum



DPS will work to ensure our law enforcement team has ample access to these resources as soon as possible. With the simplicity of the UCJIS Submission Portal and the Utah Lethality Assessment Protocol mobile app, coupled with a wide variety of training/tutorials that will be offered over the coming months, Utah law enforcement agencies will be ready to implement these new requirements.



Agencies should also consider updating their policies and procedures to reflect the implementation of the new requirements related to domestic violence and intimate partner violence. This may include incorporating the use of the Utah IPV Lethality Assessment into agency protocols, procedures, and training programs. Below is draft language that may assist agencies in adding to and updating those policies.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Dating relationship - means, a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, or a relationship which has a romantic or intimacy as a goal by one or both parties, regardless of whether the relationship involves sexual intimacy. “Dating relationship” does not include casual fraternization in a business, educational, or social context.

Intimate partner - means an emancipated individual under Utah State Code 15-2-1 or an individual who is 16 years old or older who:

1. is or was a spouse of the other party;
2. is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;
3. has or had one or more children in common with the other party;
4. is the biological parent of the other party’s unborn child;
5. is or was in a consensual sexual relationship with the other party; or
6. is or was in a dating relationship with the other party.

Intimate Partner Violence Lethality Assessment:

1. The agency uses the Lethality Assessment as part of its strategy to prevent intimate partner violence.
2. The agency shall ensure that all personnel receive appropriate training on the use of the Lethality Assessment, including the identification of risk factors and the appropriate response to individuals at high risk of lethality. The agency shall also review and update its policies and procedures related to the use of the Lethality Assessment as needed to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and best practices.
3. Implementation of the Lethality Assessment:
 1. After the scene of a domestic violence incident has been secured and the initial investigation has been completed, the responding officer shall attempt to determine if the allegation of domestic violence is against an intimate partner.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

2. If the officer determines the allegation of domestic violence is against an intimate partner, the officer must activate the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP).
 1. The officer shall complete the “Lethality Assessment Protocol” form within UCJIS or by using the Utah LAP mobile application.
 2. If upon completion of the Lethality Assessment, the victim’s responses are assessed as potentially lethal, or the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation, the officer shall advise the victim of the results of the assessment and refer the victim to a non-government organization victim advocate at a primary purpose domestic violence organization. The officer shall also notify their immediate supervisor.
 3. If a victim does not or is unable to provide information to the officer sufficient to allow the officer to complete the lethality assessment form, or does not speak or is unable to speak with a non-government organization victim advocate, the officer shall document this information on the lethality assessment form and submit the information to UCJIS.
 4. The officer shall submit the results of the lethality assessment to UCJIS while on scene.
 5. If the officer is not reasonably able to submit the results of the lethality assessment while on scene, the officer shall submit the results of the lethality assessment to UCJIS via the UCJIS Portal webpage or the Utah LAP mobile application as soon as practicable.
 6. The officer shall include the results of a lethality assessment and any related, relevant analysis provided by (SIAC) with:
 1. A probable cause statement and
 2. An incident report.
 7. In a probable cause statement or incident report, the officer may not include information about how or where a victim was referred.