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SUBJECT: <b>Detective Bureau Notice and publication of the Targeted Violence Community Reference Guide</b>			
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## CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

**NOTICE**  
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October 27, 2020

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** TARGETED VIOLENCE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GUIDE

The Office of Special Operations published a Notice dated February 23, 2018, *School Threat Protocols and Notification*, establishing the Department School Threat Coordinator, Major Crimes Division (MCD). Detective Bureau published a Notice dated January 18, 2018, *Providing Alternatives to Hinder Extremism Strategy, Establishment of Primary Investigative Responsibilities*, identifying the Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP), Crisis Response Support Section (CRSS), Detective Support and Vice Division (DSVD) as the primary investigative entity. The Office of the Chief of Police published Administrative Order No. 18, dated November 7, 2019, titled *Identifying and Investigating Incidents Involving Threatened Acts of Targeted Mass Violence – Field Notebook Divider, Form 18.43.01 – Activated*. Each of these efforts are intended to provide guidance to officers, investigators, and Incident Commanders in the management of incidents of threatened acts of Targeted Mass Violence.

The Department's strategy consists of three pillars: **Prevention, Intervention, and Interdiction**. This is supported by the early recognition of the Driving Factors and the Most Common Risk Factors associated with Targeted Mass Violence, which could be indicative of the potential risk an individual's behaviors may pose to the community.

In an effort to educate and provide guidance to the community on the Driving Factors and Most Common Risk Factors exhibited by individual(s) who may be on a pathway to commit a future act of targeted violence, DSVD's Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU), in coordination with MCD, has developed the Targeted Violence Community Reference Guide.

The Targeted Violence Community Reference Guide is intended to be used as an educational tool provided to community members during outreach meetings. It will enhance awareness and provide guidance on the reporting/referring of individuals of concern to the appropriate entity and/or resource to intervene early on, preventing an act of Targeted Violence.

The education of the community is a vital piece of this prevention strategy, which will support the Department's ability to develop information and assist the community in understanding what information should or can be shared and with whom, which will ultimately facilitate and enhance a timely response and intervention.

**Note:** Personnel are reminded this is not meant as a tool to profile any individual or group based on their race, religion, color, ethnicity, and/or national origin. In addition, no single Driving Factor or Common Risk Factor by itself is indicative of future violence.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Lieutenant II Kelly Muniz, Officer in Charge, Crisis Response Support Section, at (213) 996-1349.

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## Targeted Violence

### Potential Indicators of an Individual on a Pathway to Targeted Violence

***This guide may be used to assist in determining whether a person of concern requires an intervention.***

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“Targeted violence” is defined as an incident of violence where a known or knowable attacker (person of concern) selects a particular identifiable target prior to their violent attack.

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***Has the person of concern made any statements or exhibited behaviors that would lead you to believe he or she is at risk of being on a pathway to commit a future act of targeted violence?***

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Identifying the ***Driving Factors*** and the ***Common Risk Factors***, can assist in determining the level of risk an individual may pose to a specific target or the community.

**Driving Factors** include but are not limited to:

- Criminal/Violent History**: Previous criminal convictions, violent behavior, or substance abuse; some or all of these issues may also include contact with law enforcement.
- Mental Health**: Combined with other risk factors, such as history of violence and/or access to weapons, mental health issues/illness may result in increased risk.
- Identity**: Struggling to identify and define one’s life purpose and meaning.
- Belonging**: Social isolation and sense of being cut off from home, school, and/or work and community due to interpersonal conflicts; social isolation may provide some persons of concern with validation/justification for violent acts.
- Grievances**: Perception of being wronged or picked on; thinking in extremes such as us vs. them; wrong vs. right; good vs. evil.

**Common Risk Factors** include but are not limited to:

- Access to weapons (of any kind)
- Military or civilian weapons training
- History of law enforcement contacts
- History of behavioral health contacts
- History of possible mental illness
- Emotional distress
- Violence toward others or self
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- Loss of relationship or job
- Difficulties with relationships, finances
- Unstable living arrangements
- Social isolation
- Social, personal, religious, political, or racially motivated grievance
- Verbal or written statements (“leakage”)
- Internet research-searches on grievances, previous attacks, weapons, possible targets (indication of planning),
- Violent media consumption

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***If you believe a person(s) of concern requires or needs an intervention, make the call***

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**EMERGENCY**

**911**

**NON-EMERGENCY**

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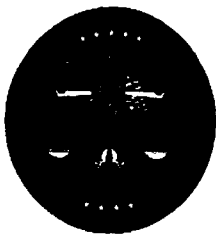
**LA County Mental Health/Crisis Help Line**  
(800) 854-7771

**School Threat Assessment Response Team**  
<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/start/>  
[START@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:START@dmh.lacounty.gov)

**Terrorist Threats**

1-877-A-THREAT (284-7328)

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
(800) 273-8255



## Violencia Dirigida

Indicadores potenciales de un individuo en un camino hacia la Violencia Dirigida

***Esta guía puede usarse para ayudar a determinar si una persona de interés requiere una intervención.***

La “violencia dirigida” se define como un incidente de violencia en el que un atacante conocido o conocedor (una persona de interés) selecciona un objetivo en particular antes de su ataque violento.

***¿Ha hecho declaraciones la persona de interés o se ha comportado de manera que te hiciera creer que el o ella está en riesgo de estar en un camino para cometer un acto futuro de violencia dirigida?***

Identificando los **Factores de Impulso** y los **Factores de Riesgo Común**, pueden ayudar a determinar el nivel de riesgo que un individuo puede posar para un objetivo específico a la comunidad.

**Factores De Impulso** incluye pero no es limitado a:

- Historial Criminal/Violencia:** Previas convicciones criminales, comportamientos violentos, abuso de sustancias; algunas o todas estas cosas pueden también incluir contactos con las fuerzas de la ley.
- Salud Mental:** Combinados con otros factores de riesgo, como un historial de violencia y/o acceso a armas, el caso de salud/enfermedad mental podría resultar en un aumento de riesgo.
- Identidad:** La lucha para identificarse y definir el significado o propósito de la vida.
- Pertenecer:** El aislamiento social y el sentirse apartado del hogar, escuela, y/o empleo y comunidad por conflictos internos personales.
- Quejas:** La percepción de ser perjudicado o molestado; pensando en extremos como nosotros vs. ellos; incorrecto vs. correcto; bueno vs. malo.

**Factores De Riesgo Común** incluye, pero no es limitado a lo siguiente:

- Acceso a las armas (cualquier tipo)
- Entrenamiento de armas militares o civiles
- Historial de contactos policiales
- Historial de contactos de comportamiento mental
- Historial de salud mental
- Estrés emocional
- Violencia hacia otros o si mismo
- Abuso de alcohol o sustancias
- Pérdida de una relación o empleo
- Dificultades con las relaciones, las finanzas
- Arreglos de vivienda inestables
- Aislamiento social
- Resentimientos sociales, personales, religiosos, políticos o raciales
- Declaraciones verbales o escritas (“divulgación”)
- Búsquedas de investigación en Internet sobre quejas, ataques anteriores, armas, posibles objetivos (indicación de un plan)
- Consumo de medios violentos

***Si tu crees que una persona de interés requiere o necesita una intervención, haz la llamada***

**EMERGENCIA**

**911**

**NO-EMERGENCIA**

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**Línea De Ayuda/Salud Mental/Crisis LA County**  
(800) 854-7771

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**Amenazas Terroristas**  
1-877-A-THREAT (284-7328)

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