

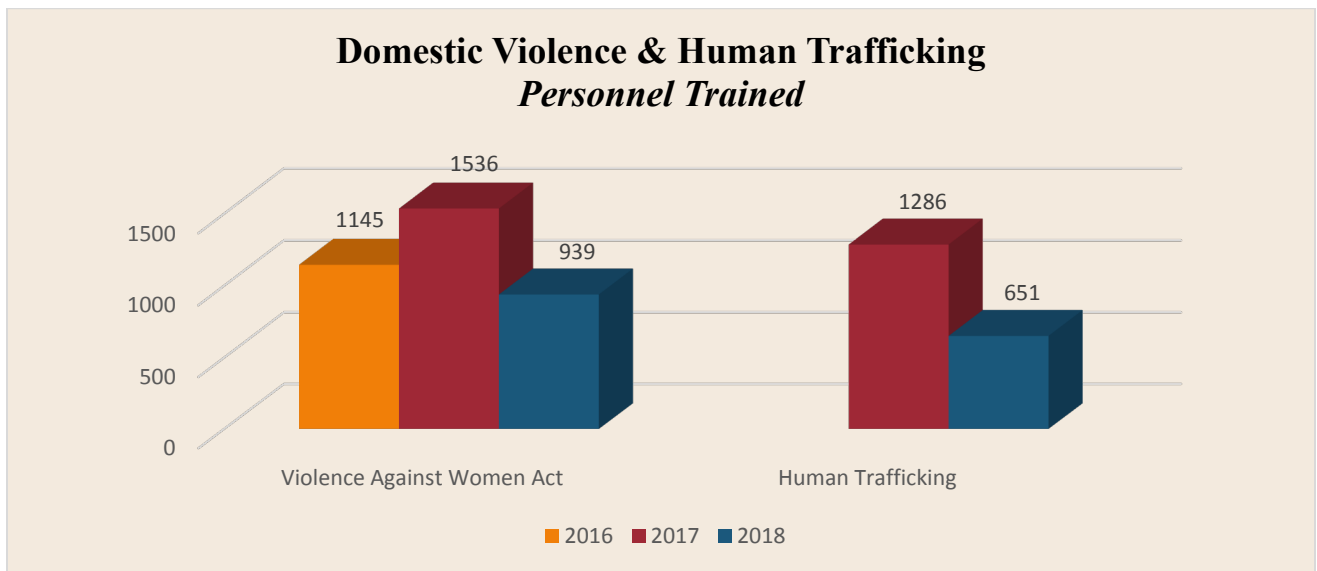


Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Report

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy educates law enforcement personnel on how to best serve victims of crime. With the support of grant funds through the Iowa Attorney General’s Office as well as state legislative funds, more than 1,500 professionals were trained in FY 2018.

- ❖ 939 attended trainings regarding STOP Violence Against Women
- ❖ 651 attended trainings held to address Human Trafficking



	Total FY 2016	Total FY 2017	Total FY 2018
Domestic Violence	1145	1536	939
Human Trafficking	0	1286	651

Note: Due to the change of Law Enforcement Instructors, the numbers from FY17 to FY18 decreased because of positions being vacant for more than six months. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy anticipates training numbers for FY19 to increase or surpass previous years training hours based on large attendance numbers in Basic Academy classes, increasing in-service trainings, and expanding training through instruction during jail schools.

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy’s domestic violence curriculum is thirteen hours for basic academy classes. These hours include power and control, reason why victims stay, cycle of violence, strangulation vs. choking, no contact and protection orders. The instruction also includes training related to dual arrest, laws regarding domestic abuse and assault, State of Iowa advocacy programs, culturally specific programs, risk factors, body injuries, crime scene investigation and photo evidence. Additionally, law enforcement personnel experience four hours of practical scenarios and a report writing class.



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Recruits also get to hear first-hand from survivors of domestic violence. This personable experience allows the recruits to understand the dynamics of how quickly these types of calls can escalate.

Furthermore, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy provides jail schools that consist of topics on sexual abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking. This training allows jailers to support survivors and understand the dynamics of trauma and coping methods used by some individuals.

Domestic violence training is provided statewide during in-service trainings to ensure law enforcement personnel and service providers are current with updates and evolving protocols. These courses are instructed by in-house Academy instructors who possess specific expertise in the area of domestic violence.

Violence against women topics are crucial to law enforcement because of the sensitivity of these crimes and the importance of their reactions when responding.