



Project Safe 417 Program Description

SafeNest and the North West Area Command (NWAC) have partnered together to address and reduce domestic violence related abuse and homicides within the Las Vegas valley. SafeNest Project Safe 417 (PS417) volunteers and the NWAC, together, provide crisis intervention and support to domestic violence victims in the field which is a critical time following domestic violence incidents.

The program is designed to address the gap in services to domestic violence victims between the time patrol officers respond to a call to the time when a victim or survivor connects with SafeNest and other resources.

Program Overview

SafeNest PS 417 volunteers provide on-scene crisis intervention to domestic violence victims in the time immediately following the domestic violence incident. The first hours after a domestic violence incident can be critical for victims of domestic violence. Volunteers with Project Safe 417 provide on-scene crisis intervention and support to victims of domestic in the time immediately following a domestic violence incident. Project Safe 417 volunteers offer victims information about community resources, explain next steps in the Criminal Justice system, and most importantly, work with the victim to develop a customized safety plan –a response plan to identify potential problem areas to avoid or plan around them.

Once the Domestic Violence scene has been secured by the police and the domestic violence victim has agreed to additional support, police dispatch calls to request Project Safe 417 volunteers to come to the scene. PS 417 volunteers work in pairs and are supported by the on-scene officers. Teams utilize an unmarked SafeNest vehicle and cell phone.

The PS 417 volunteers are available on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 5:00 PM and 2:00 AM -- the times when domestic violence calls are the greatest and when emergency resources can be the most difficult to access. The current area served is in the northwestern part of the Las Vegas Valley. NWAC patrols 98 square miles. It is bordered by the Sheep Mountain Range to the north, Decatur Blvd. to the east, Charleston Blvd. to the south, and stops at Red Rock Canyon National Park to the west. NWAC serves Summerlin, Desert Shores, and Providence, as well as the outlying communities of Mount Charleston, Indian Springs, and Creech Air Force Base, which are served by the Resident Officers assigned to the Area Command.

SafeNest and NWAC seek to expand this program valley-wide and on a 24/7-hour basis.



Project Safe 417 Volunteer Training and Commitment

All Project Safe 417 volunteers must complete a 40-hour Domestic Violence Core Advocacy training, a three-hour Project Safe 417 program specific training and complete a minimum of two patrol officer ride alongs.

PS417 volunteers serve a minimum of 2 four hour shifts each month and attend regular program team meetings. Volunteers must have a valid Nevada State Driver's License, be 21 years of age or older and pass an extensive background check.

Other desired qualities are:

- Commitment to volunteerism and serving the Project Safe 417 Program.
- Strong listening and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work with people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds
- Knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence or related crisis intervention
- Suggested one year of relevant volunteer, work or personal experience which prepares the volunteer to assist domestic violence victims in crisis.