SECTION X DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

INTRODUCTION

The violence within the American domicile has been recognized for decades by elements of government and society with little done to correct the problem. Only recently has this phenomenon begun to receive the attention it deserves. In an effort to understand, identify and treat the incidents of abuse occurring within the home, the State of New Jersey, through its legislature, has provided the means to gain a meaningful insight into this issue.

In 1982, the Domestic Violence Act was instituted to protect battered victims and study the complex problems that spark such aggressive behavior. This legislation also provided the opportunity to identify the causes of violence in the home and put forth a more comprehensive effort to combat the crime of Domestic Violence.

Improvements since the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act are continuing; serious concern has been displayed within many municipal and county agencies whereby various committees and working groups have been formed to help battle this important problem. Revised investigation and reporting procedures by the police; improved processing of domestic complaints by the courts; mandatory in-service training for police and court personnel have all enabled the victim to come forward and implement the constitutional rights granted to all Americans.

The following pages of narrative and graphics in this chapter are the result of gathered data displaying the complexities of domestic violence found within the State of New Jersey. As stated in the following pages, reported domestic violence acts increased twenty-seven percent over 1992. (NOTE: Legislation effective November 12, 1991, added terroristic threats and criminal trespass as occurrences which constitute domestic violence acts; these additional offenses may effect comparisons of the volume of reported domestic violence acts.) It is through analysis of this data that, hopefully the keys to preventing future violence can be found.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 1993 domestic violence statistics are listed below:

- There were 66,248 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 1993, a 27% increase compared to the 52,321 reported in 1992.
- Murders decreased 10% in 1993 (54) when compared to 1992 (60).
- Assaults accounted for 57% (37,760) of the reported offenses in 1993.
- The total arrests for 1993 (24,115) increased 22% over 1992 (19,720).
- Arrests were made in 36% (24,115) of the offenses reported for 1993.
- The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences was Sunday (12,239).
- For the eleventh consecutive year, the most frequent hours of domestic violence incidents were between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, when 30% (19,855) of the offenses were reported.
- Children were involved or present during 50% of all domestic violence offenses occurring in 1993. Specifically, 9% (5,736) were involved and 42% (27,505) were present.
- Wives were the victims in 31% (20,652) and ex-wives were the victims in 3% (1,975) of the reported domestic violence offenses in 1993. Overall, females were victims in 83% (54,830) of all domestic violence offenses.
- The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender increased from 12,051 in 1992 to 15,631 in 1993. This is an increase of 30%.
- Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 41% (27,042) of the reported offenses occurring in 1993. Alcohol involvement alone accounted for 35% (23,449) of the total domestic violence offenses reported.
- Persons age 60 or over were victims in 3% (1,941) of all reported domestic violence offenses that occurred in 1993.
- Domestic Violence does not occur at a regular frequency, but when viewed as a
 ratio of its occurrence to a fixed time interval, one act of domestic violence
 would occur every seven (7) minutes and fifty-six (56) seconds.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1992/1993

Type of Domestic Violence Offense		Number of Offenses	Percent Distribution	* Number of Arrests	* Percent of Offenses Involving an Arrest
Homicide	1992	60	-	48	80
Percent Change	1993	54 -10	-	35 -27	65 -19
	1992	30,292	58	15,227	50
Assault	1993	37,760	57	18,488	49
Percent Change	1000	+25	-2	+21	-2
Terroristic Threats	1992 1993	3,026 3,999	2 6	954 1,219	32 30
Percent Change	1773	+32	(1)	+28	-6
Kidnapping	1992	14	-	4	29
	1993	15	-	5	33
Percent Change	1992	+7 82		(1) 31	+14 38
Criminal Restraint	1992 1993	93	-	33	35
Percent Change	1,,,,	+13		+6	-8
False Imprisonment	1992	28	-	10	36
-	1993	21	-	10	48 +33
Percent Change	1992	-25 92	_	41	45
Sexual Assault	1993	122	-	53	43
Percent Change		+33		+29	-4
Criminal Sexual Contact	1992	25 28	-	10 17	40 61
Percent Change	1993	28 +12	-	(1)	+53
Lewdness	1992	6	-	1	17
	1993	11	-	5	45
Percent Change	1992	(1) 2,553	5	(1) 854	+165 33
Criminal Mischief	1992 1993	3,237	5	1,121	35
Percent Change		+27	-	+31	+6
Burglary	1992 1993	293 418	1 1	72 127	25 30
Percent Change	1993	+43	1	+76	+20
Criminal Trespass	1992	478	1	225	47
Percent Change	1993	560 +17	1	248 +10	44 -6
•	1992	15,372	29	2,243	15
Harassment	1993	19,930	30	2,754	14
Percent Change	1000	+30	+3	+23	-7 28
TOTAL	1992 1993	52,321 66,248	100 100	19,720 24,115	38 36
Percent Change	1,,,,	+27		+22	-5

⁽¹⁾ Computing percent changes for these offenses was eliminated due to small volume.

^{*} Incidents are reported soon after they occur; therefore, arrests made after that time are not included.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1989 through 1993

Type of	1989		19	1990		1991		92	1993	
Domestic Violence Offense	Offenses	Arrests								
Homicide	49	37	57	47	61	48	60	48	54	35
Assault	32,640	13,331	32,268	13,726	34,319	15,237	30,292	15,227	37,760	18,488
Terroristic Threats*	_	-	-	-	-	-	3,026	954	3,999	1,219
Kidnapping	11	3	17	5	20	6	14	4	15	5
Criminal Restraint	114	46	96	34	120	54	82	31	93	33
False Imprisonment	18	7	26	7	32	11	28	10	21	10
Sexual Assault	72	19	84	28	82	33	92	41	122	53
Criminal Sexual Contact	22	5	23	9	19	11	25	10	28	17
Lewdness	13	2	12	3	8	1	6	1	11	5
Criminal Mischief	2,623	811	2,460	785	2,768	885	2,553	854	3,237	1,121
Burglary	263	81	291	86	382	101	293	72	418	127
Criminal Trespass*	-	-	-	-	-	-	478	225	560	248
Harassment	15,960	2,322	15,489	2,305	17,887	2,740	15,372	2,243	19,930	2,754
TOTAL	51,785	16,664	50,823	17,035	55,698	19,127	52,321	19,720	66,248	24,115

[•] Arrests for domestic violence offenses increased (22%), and reflected the highest number of arrests since the inception of the Domestic Violence Program.

[•] The violent crimes of homicide (54), aggravated assault (5,949) and sexual assault (122) accounted for nine (9) percent of reported domestic violence offenses (66,248).

^{*} Domestic Violence offenses of Terroristic Threats and Criminal Trespass were first reported during 1992.

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprisonment
Atlantic	1992	1	1,185	86	-	4	-
	1993	4	1,510	137	-	4	-
	1992	7	1,903	183	1	3	2
Bergen	1993	2	2,435	302	1	7	2
Burlington	1992	5	1,677	85	-	2	1
Durinigion	1993	2	1,710	88	1	3	-
_ ,	1992	7	3,183	183	_	12	1
Camden	1993	6	3,419	185	1	6	1
Cape May	1992	-	610	47	-	1	1
Cape May	1993	-	753	57	-	5	-
Cumberland	1992	_	1,011	99	1	4	-
Cumberland	1993	5	1,254	47 - 1 57 - 5	-		
Essex	1992	8	3,838	504	2	8	1
Lissex	1993	12	4,948	788	3	10	2
Clamater	1992	1	752	59	-	2	1
Gloucester	1993	-	1,203	73	-	3	-
Hudson	1992	7	1,994	215	1	4	3
Huuson	1993	-	2,902	320	4	. 4	3
H-m4-m3	1992	_	135	13	_	1	1
Hunterdon	1993	-	176	13	-	-	1
	1992	4	1,308	50	1	3	2
Mercer	1993	2	1,562	63	-	3	-

Sexual Assault	Criminal Sexual Contact	Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	County Total	Percent Change
2	1	-	108	10	11	870	2,278	+39
3	-	-	152	13	21	1,320	3,164	137
3	_	1	98	8	57	1,301	3,567	
4	1	2	129	9	74	1,691	4,659	+31
7	2	-	141	8	21	873	2,822	+4
6	1	-	135	12	26	951	2,935	*4
13	-	2	300	43	41	1,951	5,736	. 0
11	1	1	316	49	39	2,168	6,203	+8
1	-	1	66	4	21	532	1,284	+36
3	-	-	81	7	22	819	1,747	+30
1	1	-	112	21	19	273	1,542	+28
4	3	1	141	29	17	407	1,979	+28
15	5	_	198	37	24	595	5,235	+33
29	5	-	272	74	31	769	6,943	+33
2	-	-	70	1	10	327	1,225	. #0
1	-	-	103	6	17	526	1,932	+58
4	4	_	133	25	9	773	3,172	
3	2	-	160	31	14	1,154	4,597	+45
_	-	-	7	_	6	75	238	. 40
-	-	-	12	-	3	132	337	+42
8	-	_	124	14	30	573	2,117	
11	1	1	187	13	49	726	2,618	+24

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Im- prisonment
	1000	1	1.007	294	1	7	6
Middlesex	1992 1993	1 5	1,927 2,724	284 376	1 -	7 6	1
Monmouth	1992	2	2,254	221	2	4	2
Monmouth	1993	2	2,651	228	1	3	3
Morris	1992	1	879	96	1	6	1
WIGHT	1993	1	1,153	134	-	6	1
Ocean	1992	2	1,599	217	3	3	1
Occan	1993	4	2,055	310	2	6	1
Passaic	1992	4	1,965	296	1	3	-
Lassaic	1993	1	2,221	339	-	7	1
Salem	1992	1	286	14	-	3	-
Salem	1993	-	410	13	-	1	1
Somerset	1992	. 1	800	26	-	6	-
Somerser	1993	1	921	50	-	3	1
Sussex	1992	1	368	56	-	1	-
Dubbea	1993	-	499	53	-	4	1
Union	1992	7	2,354	258	-	3	3
	1993	6	2,939	332	1	6	1
Warren	1992	-	264	34	-	2	2 1
	1993	1	315	25	-	2	1
TOTAL	1992	60	30,292	3,026	14	82	28
10 III	1993	54	37,760	3,999	15	93	21

Percent Change	County Total	Harassment	Criminal Trespass	Burglary	Criminal Mischief	Lewdness	Criminal Sexual Contact	Sexual Assault
+43	3,424	939	29	22	198	-	3	7
	4,908	1,415	39	23	306	2	3	8
+18	4,308	1,482	53	24	255	1	3	5
710	5,064	1,789	46	28	303	-	1	9
	1,754	653	15	10	89	_	1	2
+31	2,301	855	27	9	111	1	2	1
	3,013	1,002	27	13	142	1		3
+33	3,993	1,376	29	30	171	1	-	8
	2 202	831	25	10	128		1	10
+9	3,283 3,586	821	25 19	19 27	128 142	2	1 1	10 5
	3,300	021	19	21	142	2	1	5
+36	537	198	2	3	30	-	-	-
150	729	260	11	1	30	-	-	2
+29	1,596	643	16	5	97	-	-	2
+29	2,063	886	25	7	165	-	1	3
	787	318	9	2	31	-	_	1
+38	1,083	455	8	5	55	-	1	2
	3,879	973	48	23	201		4	5
+25	4,839	1,228	39	43	201 231	-	4	5 9
	7,037	1,220	39	73	231	-	4	7
+8	524	190	5	1	25	-	-	1
.0	568	182	4	2	35	-	1	-
. 27	52,321	15,372	478	293	2,553	6	25	92
+27	66,248	19,930	560	418	3,237	11	28	122

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TYPE OF WEAPON AND EXTENT OF INJURY 1992/1993

		E	Extent of Injury		
Type of Weapon	 	Aggravated Serious	Non-Aggravated Minor	None	Total
Gun Percent Change	1992 1993	154 224 +45	117 135 +15	123 103 -16	394 462 +17
Knife Percent Change	1992 1993	684 842 +23	755 1,052 +39	304 208 -31	1,743 2,102 +21
Other Dangerous Percent Change	1992 1993	515 610 +18	1,189 1,494 +26	189 168 -11	1,893 2,272 +20
Hands, Fists, Feet, etc. Percent Change	1992 1993	1,347 1,582 +17	21,574 28,287 +31	4,185 3,818 -8	27,106 33,687 +24
None Percent Change	1992 1993	- -	- -	21,185 27,725 +31	21,185 27,725 +31
TOTAL Percent Change	1992 1993	2,700 3,258 +21	23,635 30,968 +31	25,986 32,022 +23	52,321 66,248 +27

- Fifty-two percent (34,226) of all domestic violence complaints resulted in injury. This is a 30% increase when compared to the 26,335 that occurred in 1992.
- Of all the domestic violence offenses involving weapons (38,523), hands, fists, feet, etc. were used in 87%(33,687) of these offenses.
- Domestic violence offenses involving a gun increased 17%, from 394 in 1992 to 462 in 1993.
- There were 3,258 serious injuries reported in 1993, a 21% increase when compared to the 2,700 reported in 1992.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES (By Type and Sex of Victim) 1993

			Relation	ship of V	ictim to (Offender			Total
Type of Offense		Spouse	Ex- Spouse	Co- Parent	Relative	Friend	Ex- Friend	Total	Number of Offenses
Homicide	Male Female	3 22	- 1	2 3	4 5	4 8	2	13 41	54
Assault	Male Female	2,040 11,326	164 658	660 5,791	1,622 2,673	1,825 9,193	218 1,590	6,529 31,231	37,760
Terroristic Threats	Male Female	128 1,306	20 246	43 628	170 365	79 579	54 381	494 3,505	3,999
Kidnapping	Male Female	1 2	- 1	1 4	-	4	1 1	3 12	15
Criminal Restraint	Male Female	1 31	2	- 14	7	1 23	- 14	2 91	93
False Imprisonment	Male Female	- 11	- 1	-	- 1	8		21	21
Sexual Assault	Male Female	33	6	25	2 10	1 31	- 14	3 119	122
Criminal Sexual Contact	Male Female	5	-	1 2	7	- 8	5	1 27	28
Lewdness	Male Female	2	1 -	- 1	- 1	4	1 1	2 9	11
Criminal Mischief	Male Female	183 809	25 97	89 439	158 366	160 615	59 237	674 2,563	3,237
Burglary	Male Female	15 75	2 33	3 64	22 47	7 39	19 92	68 350	418
Criminal Trespass	Male Female	16 117	7 43	11 88	27 59	14 72	14 92	89 471	560
Harassment	Male Female	1,277 6,913	197 887	325 2,248	730 1,502	761 3,559	250 1,281	3,540 16,390	19,930
Total	Male Female	3,664 20,652	416 1,975	1,135 9,307	2,735 5,043	2,852 14,143	616 3,710	11,418 54,830	-
Grand Total		24,316	2,391	10,442	7,778	16,995	4,326	-	66,248

ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Alcohol or Drugs Involved) * 1993

Type of	Total	Sub	stance Invol	ved	Total	Percent of Offenses
Domestic Violence Offense	Number of Offenses	Only Alcohol	Only Drugs	Both Alcohol & Drugs		Involving Alcohol or Drugs
Homicide	54	17	1	1	19	35
Assault	37,760	14,687	844	1,300	16,831	45
Terroristic Threats	3,999	1,066	146	173	1,385	35
Kidnapping	15	9	-	-	9	60
Criminal Restraint	93	23	4	3	30	32
False Imprisonment	21	8	1	2	11	52
Sexual Assault	122	34	4	6	44	36
Criminal Sexual Contact	28	5	1	1	7	25
Lewdness	11	6	1	-	7	64
Criminal Mischief	3,237	1,213	77	121	1,411	44
Burglary	418	71	33	20	124	30
Criminal Trespass	560	165	21	15	201	36
Harassment	19,930	6,145	408	410	6,963	35
Total	66,248	23,449	1,541	2,052	27,042	41

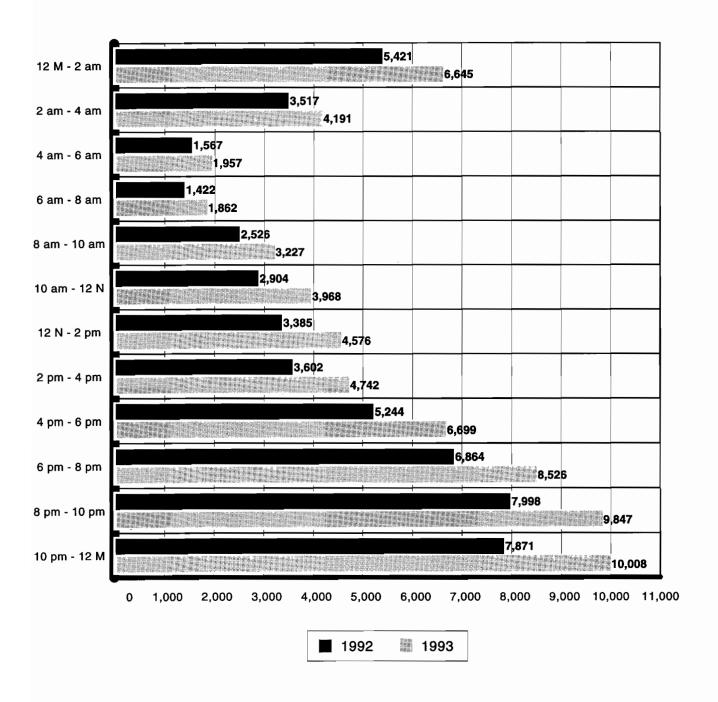
- Drugs or alcohol were involved in 35% (19) of the reported domestic violence offenses of homicides.
- Forty-one percent (27,042) of the reported acts of domestic violence (66,248) involved the use of drugs or alcohol.
- * Indicates alcohol or drug use by either victim or offender

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES AGAINST ELDERLY VICTIMS (60 Years of Age or Over) 1993

	Relationship of Victim to Offender												
Type of	Total			_l Ex	(-	Co)-	ı		ı		Ex-	
Domestic Violence	Number of	Spor	use	Spor	use	Pare	ent	Rela	ative	Frie	end	Frie	nd
Offense	Offenses	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
**		Ι .											
Homicide	8	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Assault	839	73	190	3	8	8	30	160	280	45	35	6	1
Terroristic Threats	184	7	38	-	3	1	15	38	67	4	9	1	1
Kidnapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Restraint	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
False Imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Assault	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal Sexual Contact	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewdness	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Mischief	122	5	5	-	-	3	7	39	58	-	4	1	-
Burglary	15	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	5	1	-	-	1
Criminal Trespass	32	-	3	1	1	-	1	6	15	1	-	1	3
Harassment	737	37	168	6	12	6	41	124	283	20	25	7	8
Total	1,941	123	409	10	25	18	97	372	713	71	73	16	<u>14</u>

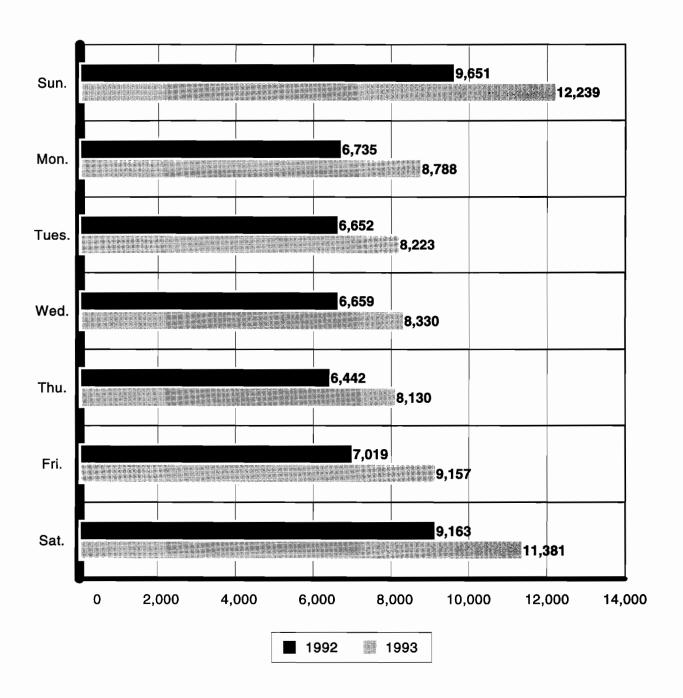
- Assaults accounted for 43% (839) of all domestic violence offenses for victims 60 years of age or over.
- Females, 60 years of age or over, were the victims in 69% (1,331) of the 1,941 elderly abuse offenses.
- Persons age 60 or over were the victims in 3% (1,941) of all the reported domestic violence offenses during this
 period.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TIME OF DAY 1992/1993



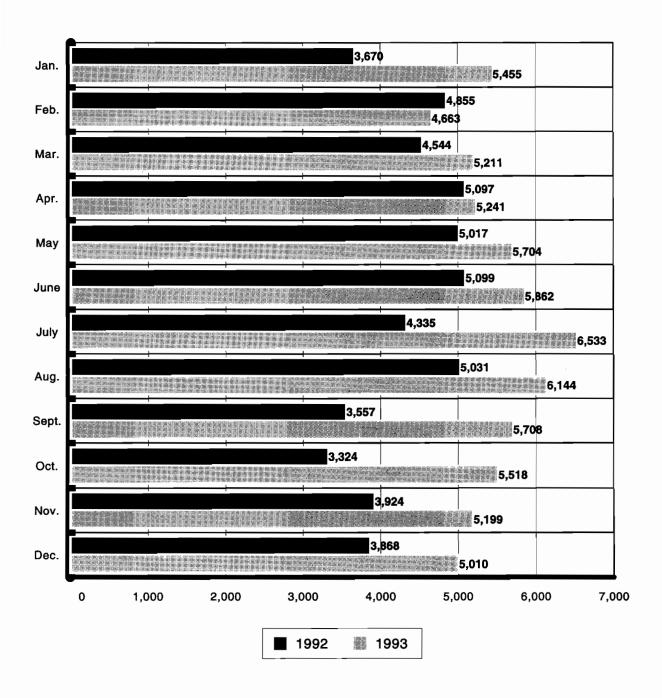
• During 1993 forty-three percent (28,381) of the reported Domestic Violence offenses occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 12 Midnight.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY DAY OF WEEK 1992/1993



- The most frequent day of occurrence for Domestic Violence during 1993 was Sunday.
- During 1993, thirty-six percent (23,620) of the reported Domestic Violence offenses occurred during the weekend (SATURDAY and SUNDAY).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY MONTH OF YEAR 1992/1993



- In 1993, the highest number of Domestic Violence offenses occured during the months of July and August.
- During 1993, the month with the lowest number of reported Domestic Violence offenses was February.