

APRAIS Digital Media Training Information Sheet



Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) just released our latest digital media-training program titled: “APRAIS, an Overview for Law Enforcement”. This training program carries 2.75 AZPOST Continuing Training Credit Hours for participating certified officers and is accessible through the AZPOST Digital Media Training and Services Unit (DMTSU) DigiDL distribution Server*

APRAIS provides criminal justice personnel and advocates with an evidence-based tool and protocol to gather information that helps identify potential risk of severe re-assault, as well as lethal or near lethal, intimate partner violence (looking at the most severe / violent incidents).

APRAIS is statutorily supported – A.R.S. §13-3967.B.5. On December 13, 2017, the Arizona Supreme Court amended Rule 41 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure. The court effectively added a uniform or standardized statewide risk assessment tool to the law enforcement release questionnaire (Form 4) in cases of intimate partner violence. The validated tool is known as the Arizona intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS).

(* Check with your authorized agency “Training Coordinator” for AZPOST DMTSU content.)

APRAIS AT A GLANCE: KEY FACTS

- The APRAIS community-informed tool and protocol was developed in Yavapai County, Arizona, over a two- to three year period using extensive feedback from law enforcement, victim advocates, survivors, and other community agencies and stakeholders.
- The APRAIS philosophy carefully balances respect for victim autonomy, dignity, and informed consent rights, with the constitutional rights of the accused. The APRAIS protocol recommends law enforcement officers inform victims that their participation is voluntary and that anything they share in the assessment is discoverable.
- The APRAIS tool has 7 Tier 1 mandatory, validated risk questions and 9 optional Tier 2 “contextual” questions. Responses to both provide a nuanced understanding of the case and encourage more detailed police report writing and follow-up.
- The APRAIS protocol stresses the importance of building rapport with victims, listening to their stories, and respecting their courage. In so doing, APRAIS enhances community policing.

- Initial outcomes suggest APRAIS educates victims about their potential danger and their options for support services.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System Tool - Overview for Law Enforcement, you will be able to:

- Identify potential risks of severe re-assault, as well as lethal or near lethal, intimate partner violence
- Analyze telltale signs, antecedents and risk markers
- Describe the APRAIS tool tiers (1 & 2)
- Be Aware of complex dynamics of an intimate partner relationships
- Learn how to balance victim/alleged victim safety v. rights of the accused
- Recognize the Interdependence between agencies (CJS, advocates, social services) and how that interdependency affects the police officer's job
- Recognize how the APRAIS tool will provide agencies additional cues for better understanding of Intimate Partner Violence cases
- Become familiar with the possible benefits of using the APRAIS tool for law enforcement
 - Reduction in repeat calls
 - Gain additional information on violence potential
 - Lowering the Aggravated Assault / Homicide rate in relation to IPV
 - Reducing Patrol time / Detective time and resources involved in IPV cases over time
 - Provide victims/alleged victims with lifesaving information and build rapport
 - Establish another step in community policing by being a part of a community informed risk assessment – multiple stakeholders –whose mission is to impact IPV and provide victims/alleged victims with information and options to keep them safe
- Understand the process for conducting the interview with the victim/alleged victim
- Identify the aspects of Victim Safety And Disclosure
 - “You are free to make your own decision about answering these questions based on what is best for you. A defense attorney could ask for it so there is a chance your partner might find out what you tell me. It also means a judge or prosecutor might make bail decisions on what you say.”
 - “I am going to be asking questions about what’s happened to you today as well as in the past with your partner in order to gather more information about the potential level of danger in your relationship. We are doing this to hopefully improve your family safety and that of our community.”
 - Due to the chronic nature of IPV, victim’s may file multiple reports with law enforcement over a period of time

- It remains important to conduct the APRAIS assessment each time a report is filed as some circumstances change over time, other instances are remembered, and new incidents may have occurred since the last assessment
- Victims may still decline to participate. However, if circumstances are known to law enforcement from the current incident or based on the victim's prior participation with APRAIS questions, that information can be used for the current Form IV
- Include this info in the PC statement and sections of the Form IV covering known risk factors. If victims decline then the declination boxes should be checked on the APRAIS
- If there are multiple IPV victims, each victim receives their own assessment
- Define "Elevated Risk", and "High Risk" assessment levels of the APRAIS Tool
- Describe what to do if there are declined and "no" responses when using the APRAIS Tool
- Identify victim/alleged victim resources
- Recognize how to document IPV scenes/calls to achieve more detailed police reports

AZPOST Digital Media Training "APRAIS, an Overview for Law Enforcement" Unit List

APRAIS - Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System Tool - Overview for Law Enforcement TRT = 2.75 hrs.
 Approved for 2.75 hours of AZPOST Continuing Training Credit
 There are 13 Digital Media Training Units included in this training program
 The average Unit viewing time is - 12 Minutes 46 seconds (12:46)

Unit 1 - TRT 15:45

Law Enforcement Perspective
 The Dynamics of an IPV / DV Case
 Training Objectives
 What is APRAIS?
 What is the Purpose of the APRAIS Tool?

-----End Unit 1-----

Unit 2 - TRT 12:36

Why APRAIS?

-----End Unit 2-----

Unit 3 - TRT 17:27

Why Do Risk At All?
 Objective of APRAIS
 The Role of Patrol

-----End Unit 3-----

Unit 4 - TRT 11:30

Benefits of APRAIS

Officer Safety

-----End Unit 4-----

Unit 5 - TRT 12:33

The Process

-----End Unit 5-----

Unit 6 - TRT 16:51

Tier 1 Validated Questions

Scoring Tier 1 Questions

----- End Unit 6-----

Unit 7 - TRT 13:52

Tier 2 Discretionary Questions

----- End Unit 7-----

Unit 8 - TRT 13:22

Decline and "No" Responses

Professional Judgement

-----End Unit 8-----

Unit 9 - TRT 12:46

How to Document

Follow Up - Victims

-----End Unit 9-----

Unit 10 - TRT 16:32

Follow Up – Law Enforcement Evolution

Follow Up - Law Enforcement Feedback

Follow Up – Secondary Trauma

-----End Unit 10-----

Unit 11 - TRT 6:52

Our Purpose as Law Enforcement

Resources

-----End Unit 11-----

Unit 12 - TRT 12:33

Takeaways

-----End Unit 12-----

Unit 13 - TRT 3:30

Training Objectives Review

Close

-----End Unit 13