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Stearns County Attorney's Office

Seventh Judicial District Court

Seventh Judicial District
Public Defender's Office

Stearns County Human Services-Community
Corrections Division, Public Health Division,
and

Community Supports Division

St. Cloud Police Department

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Stearns County Sheriff's Office

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Felony Domestic Violence Court

Stearns County
Domestic
Violence
Partnership 

Mission Statement: Ending the cycle of domestic violence through a timely, focused, collaborative response.

The Stearns County Domestic Violence Partnership

Formed in 2008 to improve public safety by increasing offender accountability and victim safety through intensive offender supervision and enhanced collaboration among criminal justice systems and community organizations.

Program Participants

Offenders charged in Stearns County with a felony level domestic violence related offense against a spouse, former spouse or significant other, or who have a child(ren) in common.

The offender must have at least one prior felony domestic violence related felony charge and a felony conviction within the preceding 15 years.

What is the Stearns County Domestic Violence Partnership?

A multi-disciplinary problem solving group dedicated to improving the Stearns County criminal justice system's response to domestic violence.

Why Do We Need This Court in Stearns County?

- The traditional court approach to these offenses does not work as well as it could.
- Traditional probation supervision and victim advocacy has not stopped the violence.
- The last 8 intentional homicides in Stearns County have been domestic violence related.
- These offenders and their crimes significantly impact public safety in this community.
- Expertise, consistency, and a coordinated team approach are proven methods of achieving efficiency in the delivery of services to victims and accountability for offenders.

Goals of the Domestic Violence Partnership:

For Partners and Agencies:

- Increased understanding of domestic violence offenders and their victims.
- Increased accountability & service delivery.

For Offenders:

- Reduced violations of court ordered conditions of release and probation.
- Increased compliance with treatment.
- Eliminate violent behavior.
- Increased accountability for continuing violence.

For Victims and Families:

- Increased services for victims and families.
- Increased safety for victims and families.
- The opportunity to end the cycle of violence.

The Program

Intensive Pre-Trial Release Supervision:

Offenders released from incarceration on bail pending final disposition of their criminal case will be subject to intensively enforced court ordered conditions of release.

These conditions may include:

- Electronic Home Monitoring
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Domestic Abuse No Contact Order Enforcement
- Mandatory Weekly Compliance Hearings
- Daily Schedule and Curfew Enforcement
- Supervision and Surveillance

Post Sentence Supervision:

Supervision is divided into three phases. The offender must complete all goals and expectations of each phase to gain the recommendation of the Domestic Violence Partnership Team to move to the next phase. General rules of each phase may include, but are not limited to:

- Abstain from all mood-altering chemicals, including alcohol, and submit to testing and payment of associated costs.
- Employment and/or education requirements.
- Daily activity/work schedule and curfew requirements.
- Approval needed when away from home other than work and/or school, treatment, court, or meeting with the probation agent.