


<p>California Department of Justice CALIFORNIA JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION Joe Dominic, Chief</p> 	<p><b>INFORMATION BULLETIN</b></p>	
<p><i>Subject:</i> Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance Data Collection Additional Elements</p>	<p><i>No.</i> 18-01-CJIS</p> <p><i>Date:</i> 01-16-2018</p>	<p><i>Contact for information:</i> Criminal Justice Statistics Center <a href="mailto:dojecars@doj.ca.gov">dojecars@doj.ca.gov</a></p>

**TO: All CHIEFS OF POLICE, SHERIFFS AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**


Effective January 1, 2018, Chapter 331, Statutes of 2017 (Senate Bill 40) amends sections 13701 and 13730 of the Penal Code (PC) relating to domestic violence. PC sections 13730 (a) and (b) mandate the collection and reporting of strangulation and suffocation data elements for the domestic violence-related calls for assistance.

Therefore, beginning January 1, 2018, all agencies are required to collect and submit three new data elements for the domestic violence-related calls for assistance collection, which are the total number of cases involving strangulation or suffocation, the subtotal for strangulation, and the subtotal for suffocation. The revised BCIA 715 form and the Electronic Crimes and Arrest Reporting System (ECARS) will accommodate for these new reportable data elements.

On January 1, 2018, the form and ECARS file formats will be available on the California Law Enforcement Website (CLEW) at <https://clew.doj.ca.gov>.

Please contact [doj.cjisc@doj.ca.gov](mailto:doj.cjisc@doj.ca.gov) with any questions regarding the Senate Bill 40 reporting requirements.

Sincerely,



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California Justice Information Services Division

For XAVIER BECERRA  
Attorney General

Attachment



## MONTHLY REPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

### California Penal Code (PC) Section 13730(a)

Type of Data		Number
Total domestic violence calls received and verified		
Total cases in which weapons were involved		
Subtotal	Firearm	
	Knife or cutting instrument	
	Other dangerous weapon	
	Personal weapon (hands, feet, fists, etc.)	
Total cases involving strangulation or suffocation		
Subtotal	Strangulation	
	Suffocation	

NAME OF AGENCY

AGENCY NCIC NUMBER

REPORT PERIOD (MONTH AND YEAR)

PREPARED BY

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION:

**REPORT ONLY THOSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE BEEN VERIFIED. SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM FOR PENAL CODE STATUTES TO BE USED WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM.**

1. Enter the total number of domestic violence-related calls that are received and verified by your agency in the "Total domestic violence calls received and verified" column. Of the "Total domestic violence calls received and verified," enter the number of cases involving weapons in the "Total cases in which weapons were involved" column.
2. Of the "Total cases in which weapons were involved," enter the subtotal for each weapon category. Firearm, knife or cutting instrument, or other dangerous weapon shall be reported by type of weapon regardless of the outcome or injury. The use of a personal weapon, such as hands, fists, or feet, is to be reported as a weapon only if the assault resulted in severe or aggravated bodily injury.
3. Enter the total number of cases involving strangulation or suffocation. Of the "Total number of cases involving strangulation or suffocation," enter the subtotal for each type.
4. Complete one form for each month and submit the form with your "Return A - Monthly Return of Offenses Known to the Police."
5. If there are no calls received during the report period, write the word "NONE" across the face of this form and submit it with your "Return A."

RETURN TO:

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The following Penal Code (PC) sections are related to this form:

### **PC 13700**

As used in this title:

(a) "Abuse" means intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause bodily injury, or placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to himself or herself, or another.

(b) "Domestic violence" means abuse committed against an adult or a minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, "cohabitant" means two unrelated adult persons living together for a substantial period of time, resulting in some permanency of relationship. Factors that may determine whether persons are cohabiting include, but are not limited to, (1) sexual relations between the parties while sharing the same living quarters, (2) sharing of income or expenses, (3) joint use or ownership of property, (4) whether the parties hold themselves out as spouses, (5) the continuity of the relationship, and (6) the length of the relationship.

### **PC 13730**

(a) Each law enforcement agency shall develop a system, by January 1, 1986, for recording all domestic violence-related calls for assistance made to the department, including whether weapons are involved, or whether the incident involved strangulation or suffocation. All domestic violence-related calls for assistance shall be supported with a written incident report, as described in subdivision (c), identifying the domestic violence incident. Monthly, the total number of domestic violence calls received and the numbers of those cases involving weapons or strangulation or suffocation shall be compiled by each law enforcement agency and submitted to the Attorney General.

(b) The Attorney General shall report annually to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public the total number of domestic violence-related calls received by the California law enforcement agencies, the number of cases involving weapons, the number of cases involving strangulation or suffocation, and a breakdown of calls received by agency, city, and county.