

POLICY

**5.9 RESPONSE TO CRIMES OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS THAT INVOLVE EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OR OFFICERS FROM OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

When criminal conduct or incidents of domestic violence are alleged to have been committed by an Everett Police Department employee or by an employee of any other law enforcement agency if the incident occurs in this jurisdiction, the Department will, within its means and authority, move quickly to protect any victims, arrest suspects, and conduct thorough criminal and administrative investigations. All employees will comply with the procedures outlined in the Everett Police Department Procedure Manual Section 15.08, Response to Crimes or Domestic Violence Incidents that involve Everett Police Department Employees or Officers from other Law Enforcement Agencies.

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**9.13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATION**

In 1979 the Washington State Legislature enacted laws that became codified as Chapter 10.99 (Domestic Violence – Official Response). Then in 1984 the Legislature enacted the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA), which became codified as Chapter 26.50 RCW. These laws emphasize the criminal nature of domestic violence and establish offender accountability and victim safety as priorities for law enforcement response. See specific procedures as outlined in the Departmental Procedure Manuals.

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