

Domestic Violence

NOPD agrees to track dispositions of domestic violence investigations, including arrests and acceptance or refusal by the DA. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with appropriate agencies to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases, including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final verdict or outcome of the trial. NOPD agrees to track dual arrests and domestic violence arrests by gender. NOPD agrees to publicly report this data on at least an annual basis [Consent Decree ¶222].

Key definitions

Dual arrest – An incident in which the officer arrests both parties involved.

Findings

NOPD is working with the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation to finalize a domestic violence case tracking system that will track the progress of cases from the incident to the final disposition. NOPD is vetting a draft of this system to ensure accuracy. When NOPD has fully vetted and finalized the system, it will post required data such as acceptance and refusal by the district attorney and the outcome of domestic violence charges.