

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between**

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY ADVOCACY CENTER
And
CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This document certifies that Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center and the Central Falls Police Department will work cooperatively to ensure the provision of coordinated professional services for individuals who are the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Central Falls.

Collaborative relationship:

The Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center (BVAC) and the Central Falls Police Department (CFPD) have partnered to ensure the provision of direct social services and safety to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The broad purposes of this memorandum are:

- To ensure the provision of bilingual (English and Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and or stalking in Central Falls;
- To enhance and acknowledge the coordination and communication between the above named organizations; and,
- To strengthen the outreach capabilities of the above named organizations to provide education and information services to clients, potential clients, community organizations, and the community at large.

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center will provide the following:

1. Funding for a mutually agreed upon Law Enforcement Advocate (LEA) to provide crisis intervention and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;
2. One designated staff member to act as a liaison with CFPD;
3. Assistance with dissemination of training opportunities to community-based providers within BVAC's sphere of work and influence.

The Central Falls Police Department will provide the following:

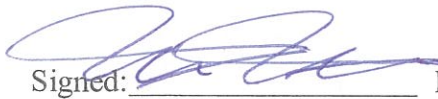
1. One designated officer to act as a liaison with BVAC program staff;
2. Physical space for LEA within the CFPD;
3. Development and coordination of trainings as necessary for LEA;
4. Dissemination of training opportunities to LEA within CFPD's sphere of work and influence.

The collaborative work of BVAC and CFPD on this project will be:

1. Quarterly planning meetings of BVAC and CFPD to identify, develop, plan and implement this agreement;
2. Commitment to evaluation of the stated goals of the project through formal, built-in evaluations;
3. Action on adjustments that need to be made based upon evaluations to improve each future services.

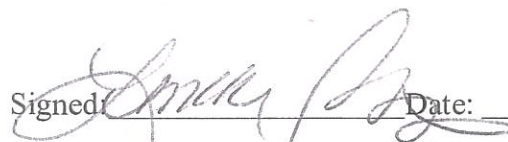
None of the provisions of this memorandum is intended to create, nor will be deemed or constructed to create, any relationship between the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center and the Central Falls Police Department other than that of independent entities effecting the provisions of this memorandum.

This memorandum shall remain in effect unless otherwise terminated by either party upon 30 day written notice.

Signed:  Date: 4-15-15

Colonel James J. Mendonca, Chief of Police

Agency: Central Falls Police Department

Signed:  Date: 4/15/15

Linda Impagliazzo, Executive Director

Agency: Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center