

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 19-093

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

FROM:  JOSEPH P. ESPOSITO
Chief Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: ADVANCED VIP TRAINING: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
TRIALS WITH NO VICTIM – SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The Training Division is pleased to announce a one-day Advanced Victim Impact Program (VIP) Training to be offered on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) The training will be held at:

LADA Training Center – Hall of Records
320 West Temple Street, Room 1140
Los Angeles, CA 90012

This advanced training will cover domestic violence homicide, cases with live victims who never testify and cases with live victims who testify at preliminary hearing only. Speakers include Amanda Luna, Norwalk VIP; Frank Dunnick, VIP DIC Airport; Allyson Ostrowski, Torrance VIP; and Janis Johnson, VIP DIC Long Beach. They will address voir dire; giving voice to unheard victims; overcoming Crawford; using dying declarations, state of mind exceptions and spontaneous statements; forfeiture by wrongdoing; and how to use preliminary hearing transcripts and alternative evidence. The program qualifies for 6 hours of general MCLE credit.

Special Directive (SD) 08-02 (Policy and Procedural Changes Resulting from the Harris Report) requires each deputy district attorney assigned to a VIP team to complete one Advanced VIP Training annually. DDAs must have previously completed the Three-Day Comprehensive Basic VIP Training course to attend this Advanced VIP training course.

To register, deputy district attorneys (DDAs) must obtain approval from their Head Deputy and VIP DIC and notify Susan Powers in the Training Division by email at spowers@da.lacounty.gov by Tuesday, September 24, 2019. DDAs requesting parking in Lot 12 adjacent to the Hall of Justice must include in the enrollment email the year, make model, color and license plate of the vehicle to be parked. Requests for parking must be made more than 48 hours before the training. The Internal Services Department (ISD) processes parking requests. Depending on parking availability, approval for parking cannot be guaranteed.

Another Advanced VIP Training on another topic will be offered on October 8, 2019. The next Three-Day Comprehensive Basic VIP Training is scheduled for October 16, 17 and 18, 2019. Look for these training announcements in future GOMs.

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