


GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 21-109

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

FROM: SHARON L. WOO 
Chief Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: ADVANCED VIP TRAINING: DNA AND PENAL CODE SECTION 667.6
SENTENCING - DECEMBER 3, 2021

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2021

The Training Division is pleased to announce the next Advanced Victim Impact Program (VIP) training course to be held on December 3, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The training will take place at the District Attorney Training Center, located at the Hall of Records (320 W. Temple Street (11th Floor), Los Angeles, CA). In-person attendance is highly encouraged, however, due to physical-distancing guidelines currently in place, in-class seating is limited to 14 people. If there is an overflow, participants may be permitted to attend via Microsoft Teams.

This training will include advanced topics related to understanding and presenting DNA in the prosecution of VIP cases. Additional training will include education on Penal Code section 667.6 sentencing comprehension and application. Speakers will include Marguerite Rizzo, Deputy-in-Charge of the Forensic Sciences Section, and Janis Johnson, Deputy-in-Charge of the Bellflower Area Office.

Special Directive (SD) 08-02 (Policy & Procedural Changes Resulting from the Harris Report), requires that all deputy district attorneys prosecuting VIP cases complete the first available three-day Comprehensive Basic VIP training course. Upon completion of that course, VIP Deputies are also required to attend an Advanced-Level VIP training course once every year.

To register for this training, deputies must obtain approval from their Head Deputy or VIP DIC and email Courtney Armendariz at CArmenda@da.lacounty.gov no later than December 1, 2021. To get parking in Lot 12 (adjacent to the Hall of Justice) please specifically request in the email, and provide the year, make, model, color, and license plate number of the vehicle. Parking is not guaranteed.

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