

Stalking: Living in the Shadow of Fear
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Workshop Overview

Stalking has been recognized only recently as a serious violent crime, particularly in cases involving domestic violence. Stalking most often occurs within the context of domestic violence, but can also occur in other situations. Stalking presents significant challenges to community corrections practitioners as they attempt to devise and implement effective interventions that focus on victim safety and offender accountability. This workshop will present basic stalking issues including: current stalking laws, charted statistics, typologies of stalkers, and the various types of stalking situations. The presentation will include basic strategies and techniques for response by community corrections officers to maximize victim safety, better manage stalking cases, and increase offender accountability. The workshop will also provide recommendations for safety and response if community corrections officers become the targets of stalkers as a result of their jobs.

Training/Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Define stalking.
- Identify some of the characteristics of stalkers and their victims.
- List and describe the categories used to classify stalking cases.
- Identify and describe the methods and motives of stalkers.
- List at least five ways stalking affects victims.
- Identify effective strategies for victim safety and containment of stalkers.
- List basic guidelines for probation and parole officers who are stalked as a result of their jobs.