



# STOP THE LOSS

## THE INITIATIVE

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The Stop the Loss Initiative is a strategy to identify and intervene in patterns of abuse as early as possible, with the ultimate goal to stop the loss of life from intimate partner homicide.

The initiative is designed to identify and notify intimate partner violence (IPV) offenders in an effort to deter them from future acts of violence. Informed by analysis of IPV dynamics in East Baton Rouge Parish, the criteria evaluates and classifies offenders based on facts related to the instant offense and their IPV offending patterns.

## PRINCIPLES

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1. Adhere to an interagency approach and collective intervention goals.
2. Build attention to context and severity of abuse into each intervention.
3. Recognize that most domestic violence is a patterned crime requiring continuing engagement with victims and offenders.
4. Ensure sure and swift consequences for continued abuse.
5. Send messages of help to victims and messages of accountability to offenders.
6. Act in ways that reduce unintended consequences and the disparity of impact on victims and offenders.

Simultaneously, the initiative will refer both the offender and the victim to available community resources. The parallel affirmative action will support victims, address their safety, and suggest all available community services.

Stop the Loss is a collaborative approach to reducing domestic violence with the following agencies

working together: East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge Police Department, Baton Rouge City Court, and Probation and Parole.