

## **Defining Domestic Violence: Future Implications from a University Police Perspective**

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The similarities between relationship violence on college campuses and domestic violence in society in general were compared, as were empirical studies of campus dating violence compared to the actual cases experienced by campus victim advocates. Interviews with the representatives of the victim advocacy services from 6 major universities in the State of Florida University System indicated a commonality of problems with under-reporting and unique relationships that are domestic by nature, but not by statute definition. Other states' domestic violence law language is provided for comparison. Future demographic projections in campus populations that will exacerbate this issue and have an impact on campus law enforcement are discussed, as are strategies for pro-activity in the face of these changes.