Combating Violence Against Women and Law Enforcement Practices in Turkey
Presentation Plan

* Duties of Gendarmerie
* Organisation
* Analysis and Evaluation
* Services Carried Out
Duties of Gendarmerie

* The primary duties of Gendarmerie as a law enforcement force are providing security and maintaining public order.
Responsibility Area

10 million women
Responsibility Area

(81) Provinces
(918) Districts
(34,971) Villages

(1,528) Gendarmerie Stations
Duties of Gendarmerie

* In scope of the protection of human rights and freedom, violence against women has a great importance.
Duties of Gendarmerie

UN Charter on “Women Rights and Public Gender Equality, Combating Violence Against Women”

Law No. 6284 ``Protection of Family and Combating Violence against Women Law”"
Duties of Gendarmerie

* In imminent danger of violence to victims;

- Providing Shelter
- Temporary Protection
Duties of Gendarmerie

* In emergency situations to **perpetrators**;

- No verbal threatening or posturing
- Keep away from the house
- Keep away from victim
- Keep away from children
Violence Against Women

- Organisation
- Personnel Training
- Law Enforcement Practices
- Public Awareness
Organisation

Central Command

Public Order Department

Branch of Children and Prevention of Domestic Violence

Gendarmerie Provincial Command
Women and Children Bureau / NCO in Charge
Personnel

(8,000) personnel
# Branch of Children and Prevention of Domestic Violence

| * | Keep track of national and international legislation, statutes, and regulations, and execute administrative processes accordingly. |
| * | Provide protection in accordance with reports provided by subordinates. |
| * | Provide counseling for subordinates. |
| * | Keep statistical data. |
| * | Provide coordination with other agencies. |
By provincial gendarmerie commands;

* the judicial process is initiated **without mediation or reconciliation attempts** in accordance with Family Court decisions and national regulations.
* In emergency situations, an independent protection order is taken and approved by local authority or family court judge.

* Enforcement is monitored through patrols.
Public information and awareness campaigns are carried out in accordance with public security and support functions.
Domestic Violence Incident Registry Form

Data Related to the Case

- Officers on scene
- Data about the case
- Personal Data about Victim
  - Gender
  - Occupation
  - Education
  - Medical report
  - Special remarks, etc.
- Personal data of accused
- Relation of victim to the accused
- Evidence and evaluation
Domestic Violence Incident Entry Form

Data About Risk Evaluation

✓ Existence/Absence of injury
✓ Existence/Absence of weapons (Firearm, blade, blunt weapon, etc.)
✓ Divorce/Separation
✓ Any Priors
✓ Existence/Absence of violence towards children
✓ Any risk aggravating details (mental illness, alcohol addiction etc.)
✓ Financial issues
✓ Jealousy
✓ Suicide Attempt/Threatening with suicide
✓ Threatening
Activities

Transfer to a Medical Center
Attorney Provision
Filling Out a Form
Risk Analysis
Protection Order
Shelter Provision

Informing Public Prosecutor

Interrogation
Protection Order
Informing public prosecutor in case of protection order violation

Family Court Judge
Compulsory Imprisonment (3-10 Days)
Violence Against Women (2012-2013)

- 2012: 16,074
- 2013: 3,535

Total: 19,609
## Results of Violence

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Dead</th>
<th>Wounded</th>
<th>Other</th>
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<td>51</td>
<td>6.678</td>
<td>10.211</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>1.699</td>
<td>1.940</td>
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<td>63</td>
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Causes of Violence

- Quarrel: 42.45%
- Family Causes: 39.55%
- Other: 9.29%
- Sexual Abuse: 6.90%
- Alcohol Influence: 1.37%
- Economic Reasons: 0.44%
Types of Violence

- Physical Violence: 83%
- Sexual Violence: 10%
- Psychological Violence: 6%
- Economic Violence: 1%

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Age of Victims

- 18-29: % 66
- 50-65: % 5
- 40-49: % 9
- 30-39: % 18
- 66 (+): % 2
- 18-29: % 66
Education of Victims

- Primary School: 61%
- Primary School Graduate: 17%
- High School: 10%
- Illiterate: 5%
- Literate: 4%
- Occupational School: 3%
- Primary School Graduate: 17%
Marital Status of Victims

- Married: 80%
- Single: 16%
- Divorced: 3%
- Spouse Died: 1%
Occupation of Victims

- Housewife: 85.5%
- Self Employed: 5.7%
- Worker: 3.4%
- Student: 2.4%
- Other: 1.5%
- Farmer: 0.6%
- Clerk: 0.5%
- Retired: 0.4%
Number of Accused

2012: 17,595
2013: 3,470
Total: 21,065
Age of Accused

- 18-29: 27% (27)
- 30-39: 27% (27)
- 40-49: 22% (22)
- 50-65: 17% (17)
- 66 (+): 4% (4)
- 18 (-): 3% (3)
Gender of Accused

- Male: 80%
- Female: 20%
Education of Accused

- Primary School: 68.9%
- Literate: 19.0%
- High School: 8.2%
- Illiterate: 1.8%
- Vocational School: 1.8%
Occupation of Accused

- Self Employed: 84.2%
- Farmer: 8.2%
- Housewife: 3.5%
- Worker: 2.8%
- Student: 0.7%
- Unemployed: 0.4%
- Clerk: 0.2%
Reporting Incidents to Gendarmes

- Citizen's Written/Oral Reports: % 61
- Reports to 156 Hotline: % 25
- Other Institutions' Notification: % 10
- Court Notification: % 3
- Gendarmeries Encountering the Crime: % 1
## Monitored Protection Orders

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<th>Number of Protection Orders</th>
<th>Protection Orders Still in Force</th>
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<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>6.125</td>
<td>365</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>1.715</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>7.840</td>
<td>1.484</td>
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Our Activities

- Raising level of service quality
- Detecting flaws in the system
- Testing the system

Interviews are conducted.
Our Activities

Plainclothes

Personal vehicle

Cellphone

Uniform

Official vehicle

Land Line
Our Activities

- Domestic Violence
- Violence Against Women
- Gender Equality at Public Level
- Approach to Victims
- Enforcement of Law No. 6284
Our Activities

Between 2012-2013 51.356 personnel were trained.
Our Activities

- Violence Against Women
- Prevention of Honor Killings
- Pre-Nuptial Education
## Our Activities to Prevent Violence Against Women

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Activities Carried Out</th>
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<td>Posters Put Up</td>
<td>Brochures Distributed</td>
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- **2.186 activities**
- **241.573**
The most important task of law enforcement forces is to prevent crime.

In this context, public awareness is crucial for success.
Physical, psychological, gender related and economic violence against women, especially in front of their children, will lead to the creation of a psychologically damaged new generation and a chain reaction of escalating future social problems.
Gendermarie will continue to accept this problem as a human rights violation and take measures to stop domestic violence before it occurs.
“A nation consists of two halves: male and female. There is no way half of the nation can soar in the sky while the other half is shackled in chains and pinned to the ground.”

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