

Interview questions for police officers

Personal details

1. Age
2. Gender
3. Years of service
4. Rank
5. District/Region
6. Roles undertaken in the Queensland Police Service

Questions

7. What are some of the cultural attitudes towards the investigation of domestic and family violence you have experienced throughout your career? Please give some examples, including when the instances occurred.
8. Are any negative cultural attitudes improving over time, worsening over time, or remaining the same?
9. Is there a noticeable difference between the negative cultural attitudes exhibited by older police officers and younger police officers?
10. Who influences culture at your workplace?
11. Do you have any suggestions about how any negative cultural attitudes might be improved?
12. Does culture influence practice in the field? Can you recall any examples where you have seen police culture influence a police officer's response to a domestic and family violence situation?
13. Who influence police practices in responding to domestic and family violence matters?
14. Do you believe domestic and family violence is a priority for the Queensland Police Service? If so, how do you know this is a priority?

15. Have you experienced a lack of respect of women exhibited by other police officers in your station, whether by the use of derogatory language or otherwise? If yes, please give some examples.
16. What are the main challenges for front line officers when they are responding to, or investigating, domestic and family violence?
17. When responding to a domestic and family violence situation:
 - a) How do you separate the parties to take versions from them at the scene?
 - b) What considerations do you take into account when deciding whether to issue a Police Protection Notice or make a domestic violence application?
 - c) What constitutes insufficient evidence to do so?
 - d) How do you decide whether to take breach action?
 - e) What are some other practical considerations affecting how police respond to domestic and family violence?
18. How supported are you by your immediate supervisor/Officer in Charge pertaining to domestic and family violence matters?
19. Do you have a DVLO to assist you in investigating domestic and family violence? If so, what hours are they available?
20. Are you aware of any domestic and family violence support services in your area that you can make referrals to or seek assistance from? If so, what hours do they work?
21. What training have you received in relation to responding to domestic and family violence? When? Was it in person or online? Do you feel it was adequate? How regular is refresher training done?
22. Did the training cover police responsibilities in investigating domestic and family including effective communication, empathy, compassion that could contribute towards a positive culture in dealing with these issues?
23. What training would you like to receive to enhance your response to domestic and family violence?
24. Do you have any suggestions about what could be done better in the response to dealing with domestic and family violence matters? Eg Reduction in time spent on domestic and family violence matters without reducing response standard.