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Addressing the nordic paradox through an intimate partner violence focused deterrence strategy

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While Nordic countries are known throughout the world as egalitarian, intimate partner violence (IPV) continues to be pervasive. Traditional criminal justice responses place an enormous burden on survivors and neglect stopping the offenders. Through a partnership of law enforcement, victim advocates, service providers, and community, the NNSC Intimate Partner Violence Intervention (IPVI) addresses all offenders known to the criminal justice system through early intervention and tailored messaging while enhancing outreach and support for victims. The intervention makes it clear to low-level offenders that IPV will not be tolerated and, when necessary, takes special action to deter dangerous and repeat offenders. As a result, the burden of stopping the offender shifts from the survivor to the criminal justice system. This presentation will focus on how NNSC's IPVI framework brings together law enforcement, victim advocates, service providers, and community to deter and stop IPV offenders, while drawing on current best practices of victim advocacy, Examples of how the strategy is tailored to local dynamics and how it is being adapted in Malmö, Sweden will be shared.