

FINLAND AND SWITZERLAND

ON THEIR WAY TO BECOME THE SAFEST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

Good practice from the Canton of Zurich

**More security for the population
by proactive policing**

**Exchange of experiences
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Topics

Our projects:

- **Service for Protection against Violence**
- **Developing Threat Management**
- **Prevention^{plus}**

Serious violence

Cases of serious violence upset population

Key case in the Canton of Zurich:

- **Double homicide in Pfäffikon ZH on August 15, 2011**
 - A husband shot his wife and a few minutes later the head of the department of social services. The man was known to the police and other authorities for domestic violence.



Media Coverage

... on the example of the double homicide in Pfäffikon ZH

- Husband stoots his wife and the head of the Department of Social Services
- Family had a restraining order against Kosovan (59)
- Why was Shani S. not arrested earlier?

Blutbad in Pfäffikon
Mann (59) erschiesst Ehefrau und Sozialamt-Chefin

Doppelmord in Pfäffikon
Kosovare (59) hatte Kontaktverbot zu Familie

Scheren-Attacke, Morddrohungen vor der Bluttat in Pfäffikon
Warum war Shani S. auf freiem Fuss?

Self-Critical Analysis

- Are we able to detect warning signs early enough?
- Are there any approaches for optimization?
- Do we fulfill our mission in the right way in all areas?
 - Prevention
 - Early detection
 - Investigation
 - Intervention
 - Evaluation



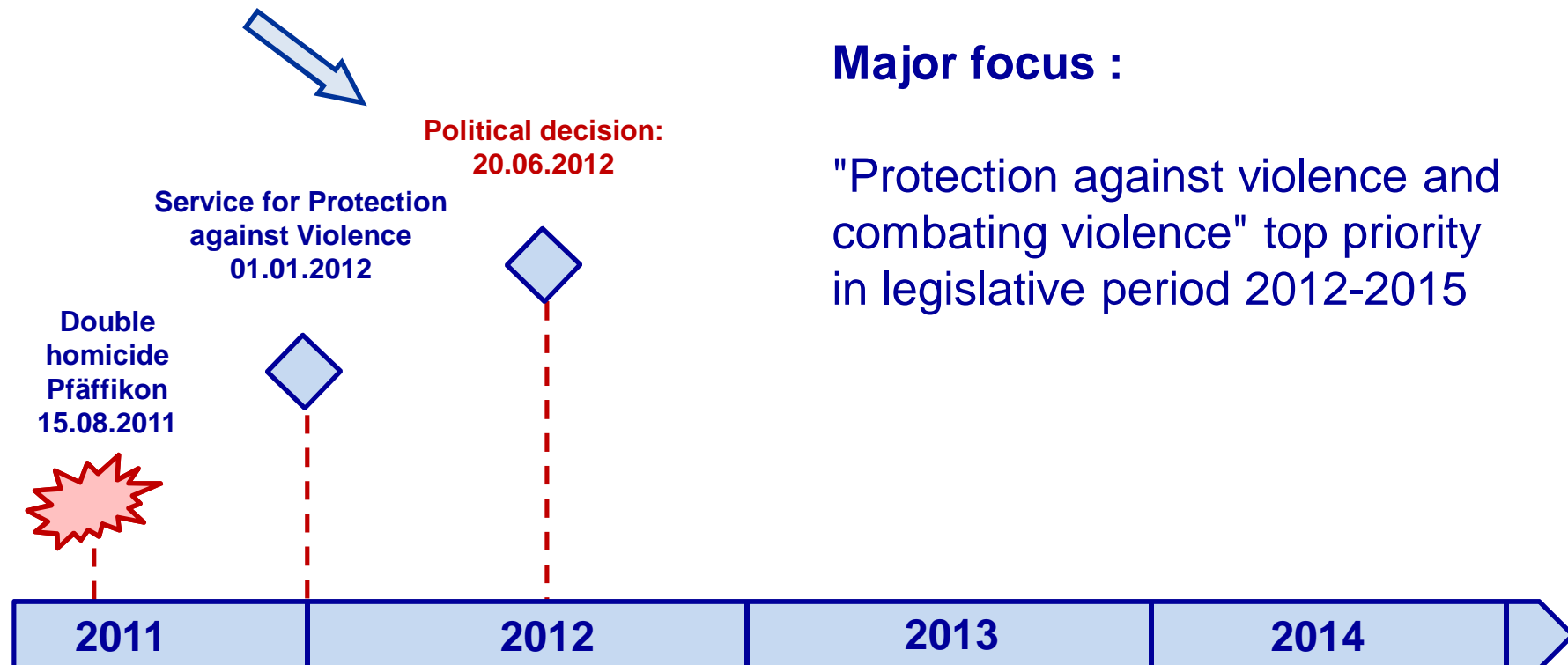
Structural Optimization

■ Establishing a new service called "Protection against Violence"



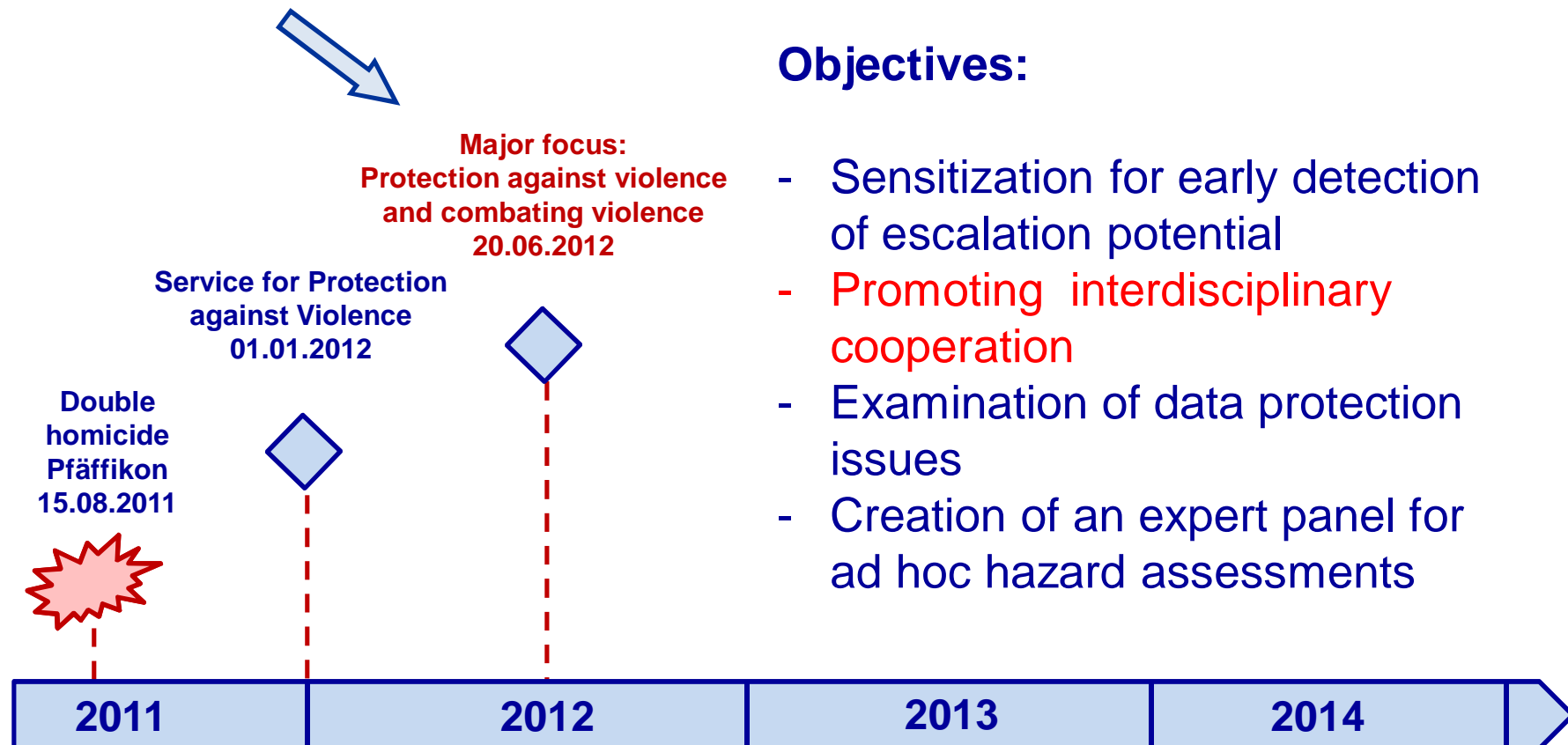
Threat Management

Local government's decision



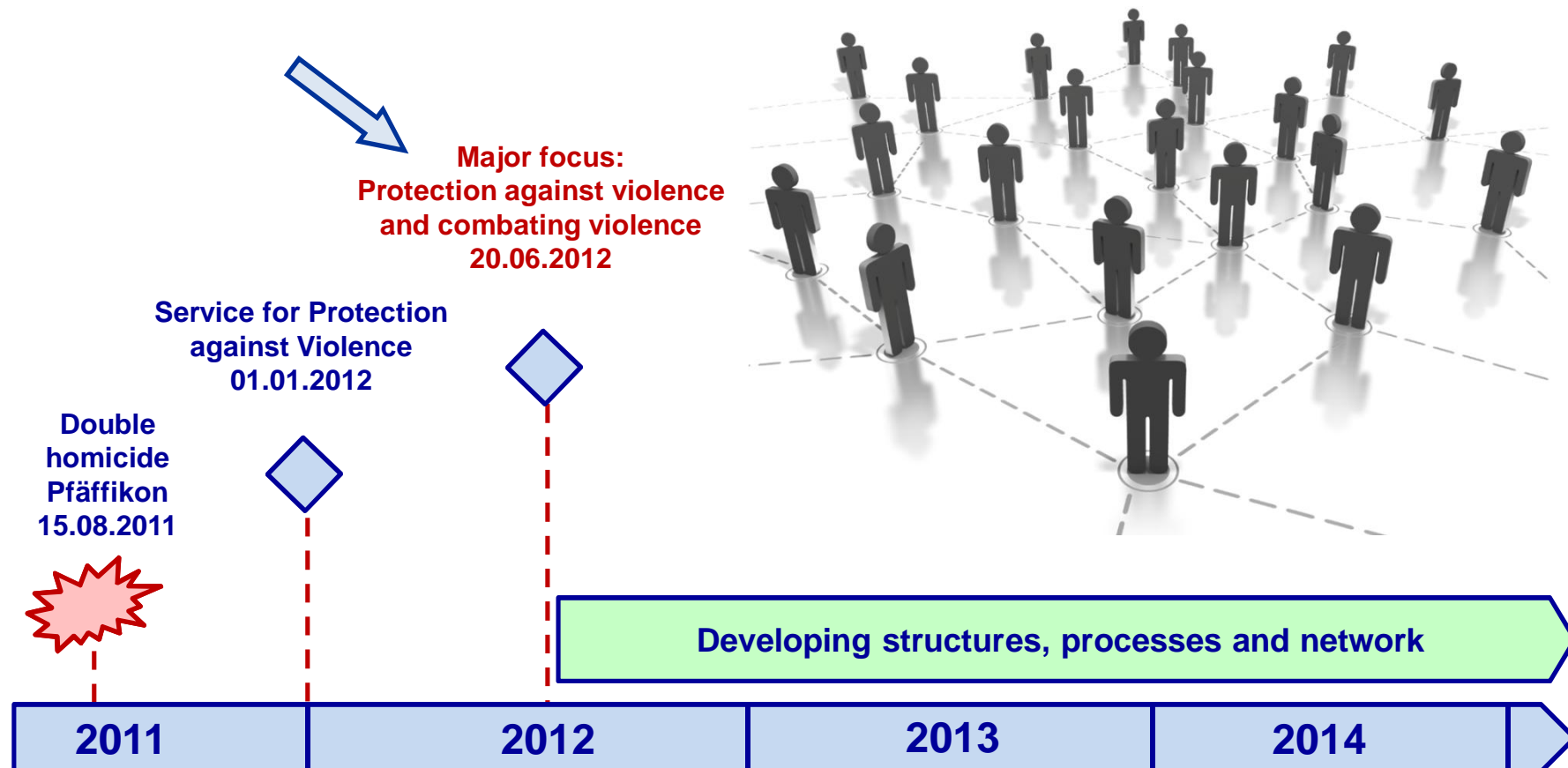
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■ Status of the project



Threat Management

Network contacts:

- all municipalities in the Canton of Zurich
- all authorities for child and adult protection
- all counseling services for domestic violence

(currently about 200 contact persons)

Learning content for contact persons:

- aims of threat management
- contact persons' tasks in the network
- legal basis for exchanging information
- dealing with difficult people
- information about Forensic Assessment Unit
- case studies training



Aims of Threat Management

Aims of threat management:

■ Detection

- identify worrying behavior at an early stage

condition: Network among authorities

■ Assessment

- evaluate and assess detected risk

condition: exchanging information

■ Deescalation

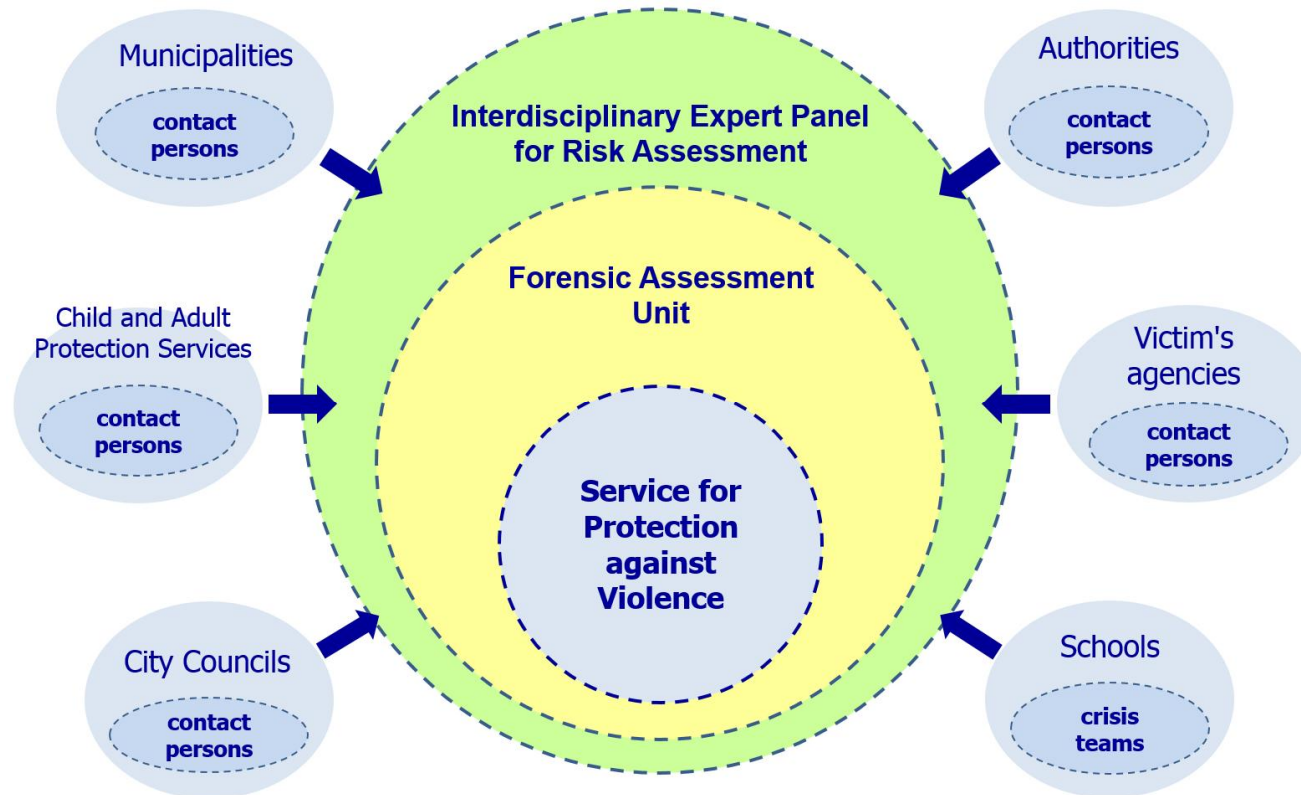
- interdisciplinary case management by professionals

condition: professional services

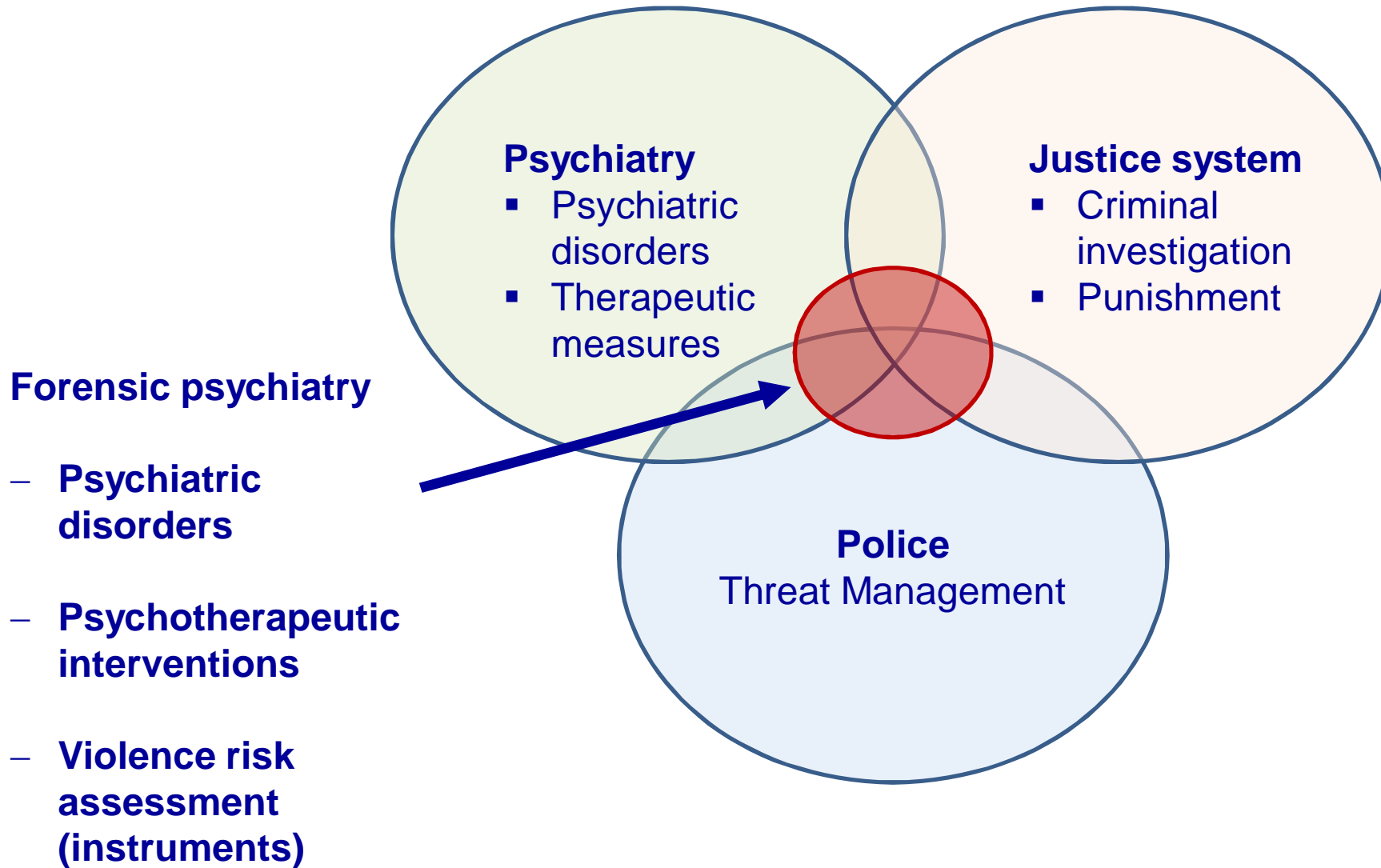
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Threat Management

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Forensic Assessment Unit



Forensic Assessment Unit: Tasks

- **Single point of contact for forensic knowledge**

- **Support police case workers in threat assessment and case management**
 - Talk to threatening person
 - Contact psychologist / psychiatrist of threatening person
 - Forensic reports for case files

- **Support prosecution with threat assessment in early stage of investigation**
 - Forensic reports for case files
 - Placement of forensic experts for more comprehensive risk assessment

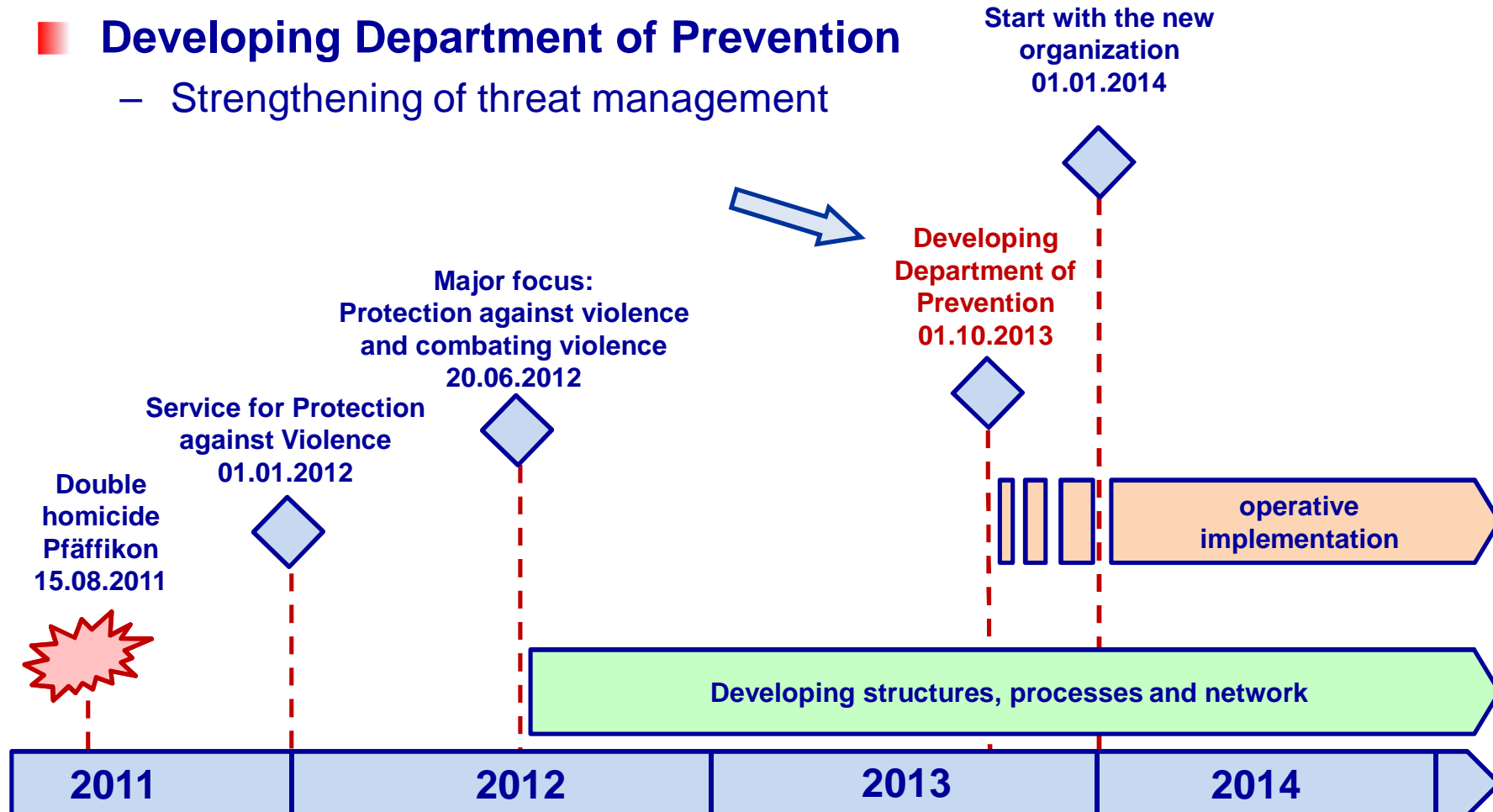
Experiences after First Year

- **High case load**
- **Interdisciplinary team work: Synergy and learning effects**
- **Avoiding loss of information**
- **Pravalence of mental disorders in threatening persons**
 - Forensic therapy unit needed

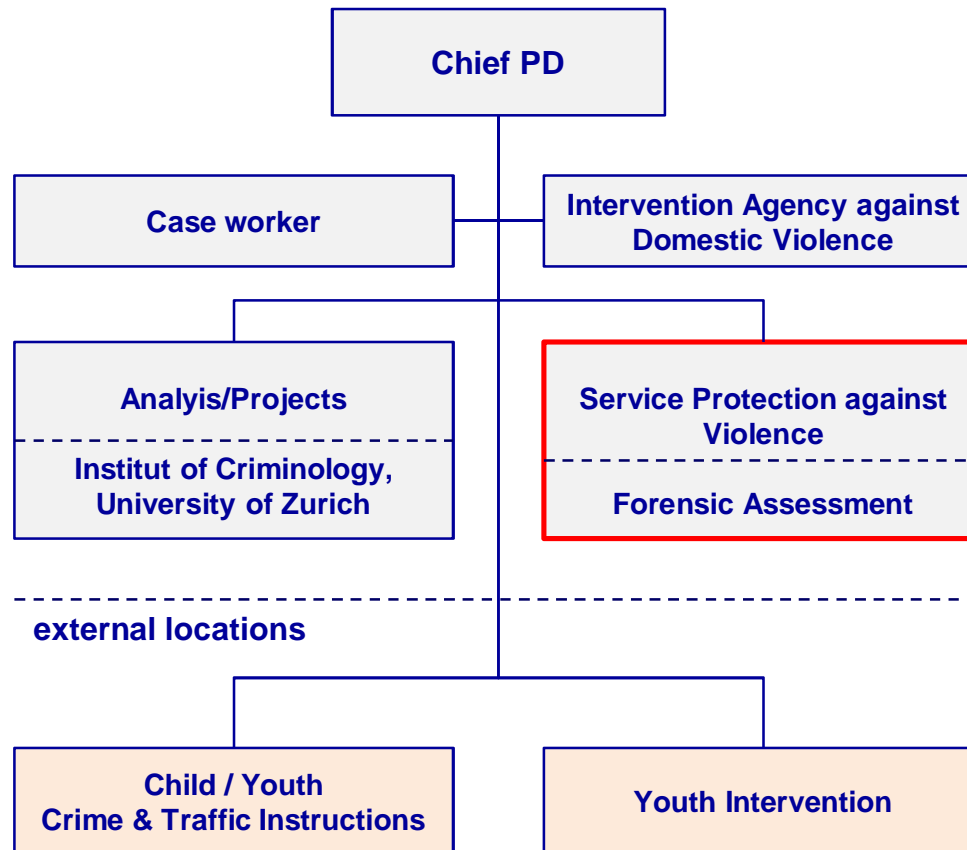
Department of Prevention

■ Developing Department of Prevention

- Strengthening of threat management



Department of Prevention



Service Protection against Violence is part of Prevention Department



Distinction from criminal procedural investigations

Removal of conflict of interest has positive effect

Vision of Prevention

PRÄVENTION *PLUS*

**More security for the population
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**Prevention is more than "just"
information and instruction**

Mission Statement Prevention *Plus*



Thinking and acting ahead ...

Plus means: consider what might happen



Being open minded; taking people's concerns seriously ...

Plus means: strengthening of trust in the police



Networking ...

Plus means: effect of preventive measures



Exerting influence ...

Plus means: stop negative developments in time

Conclusions

■ Threat management

- concerns all of us;
- requires proactive thinking and acting;
- legitimizes resp. commits to exchanging information
- is never a solo action;
- requires willingness to cooperate;
- requires «brave» acting»...



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