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The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

GLENDALE, Ariz. – October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which provides the Glendale Police Department with an opportunity to educate the community, emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, warn abusers that they will be prosecuted and offer victims aid and support.

The Glendale Police Department's Family Violence Unit will be presenting information about the dangers of domestic violence as well as steps to hold abusers accountable and what resources are available to help with leaving an abusive relationship to residents of several local domestic violence shelters, medical students at Midwestern University, criminal justice students at Glendale Community College, and marriage and family students at Kellis High School during the month of October 2013. They will also be providing Patrol officers of the Glendale Police Department additional training for handling domestic violence calls for service.

Some of the partnerships that the Glendale Police Department has in place to prevent and investigate domestic violence are with the Glendale City Court, Glendale City Prosecutor's Office, Adult Probation, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and Victim Advocates through the Glendale Domestic Violence Task Force. The Glendale Police Department also participates in the Maricopa Associated Government's Regional Domestic Violence Council, which has helped develop a county-wide best practices protocol for dealing with domestic violence cases.

The Glendale Police Department has also recently begun to employ a High Lethality Domestic Violence Victim Advocate who assists victims of domestic violence whose situation has been deemed to have the potential for them to be seriously injured or killed.

The crimes related to domestic violence are serious, repetitive and have the tendency to escalate in brutality. Domestic violence includes the use of physical, emotional and psychological abuse and control, which affects people from all walks of life and of every age and demographic. The consequences of domestic violence have far reaching effects and almost always extend outside the home and the crime itself. At work, it affects productivity, increased absenteeism and raises the risk of violence in the workplace. At home, children who witness domestic violence between their parents are more likely to become abusive with their own family as adults.

Finally, the Glendale Family Advocacy Center offers numerous resources for victims of family crimes. It's very important that victims of domestic violence realize they have choices. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and would like more information, please contact the Glendale Family Advocacy Center at (623) 930-3720. If you are a victim of a domestic violence crime currently being handled by the prosecutor's office you can call (623) 930-3323 and a Victim Advocate can provide assistance with case-related needs

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