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## **The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – October is 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 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 from children to the elderly.

Consequences of the crime of domestic violence have far reaching effects and almost always extend outside the home. It affects productivity, increased absenteeism and raises the risk of violence in the workplace.

The Glendale Police Department in partnership with the Glendale City Court, Glendale City Prosecutor’s Office, Adult Probation, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, and Victim Advocates participate in the Glendale Domestic Violence Task Force to identify and initiate strategies to educate community stakeholders and reduce domestic violence in our city. The task force effort is an

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innovative response created to provide victims with a multi-agency approach to identify solutions for reducing domestic violence and improving access to victim resources. 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.

Glendale Police Officers and Adult Probation Officers prioritize warrant arrests to identify and target repeat offenders for their high risk behavior. The Glendale City Court has a full-time Victim Advocate to guide victims through the court process. The Court has also created a model Domestic Violence Treatment Court to initiate strategic measures to insure all domestic violence offenders are closely supervised and monitored. The City Prosecutors Office also has a Victim Advocate to assist victims of domestic violence all the way through the adjudication of their case.

One of the most recent grant funded strategies in stopping domestic violence is the addition of a Protective Order Coordinator in the Glendale Police Department. Protective orders are not in effect until served. This position was created to maximize law enforcement resources to better serve victims in the timely service of those protective orders.

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 you assistance with your case-related needs. ###