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The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On September 23rd, 2014 Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale City Council proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides the Glendale Police Department with additional opportunities to educate the community, emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, warn abusers that they will be prosecuted and offer victims aid and support. A statement from Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers showed the resolve of the City to address domestic violence, “As a City we take all facets of Domestic Violence seriously; prevention, education, enforcement, prosecution and victim’s rights. We encourage the residents of Glendale to be informed about signs of abuse, City resources that are available to help victims, and understand the overall impact Domestic Violence has in all communities.”

The Glendale Police Department’s Family Violence Unit will be presenting information about the dangers of domestic violence 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, and Child Development students at Kellis High School during the month of October 2014. They will also be providing Patrol officers of the Glendale Police Department additional training for handling domestic violence calls for service and will be providing advanced domestic violence training for outside law enforcement agencies. The public is invited to three opportunities to learn more about domestic violence as well during “Awareness Presentations” being held in conjunction with the Glendale Public Library on the following dates and times:

- Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301) – Oct 2nd from 3-4pm
- Main Library (5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302) – Oct 9th from 11am-12pm
- Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85308) – Oct 10th from 3-4pm

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. 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 (GFAC) 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. Anyone wanting more information about domestic violence resources is also encouraged to visit the GFAC website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/advocacycenter/index.cfm>.

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