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GLENDALE CITY HALL TURNS PURPLE TO “SHINE THE LIGHT” ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Glendale Police Department Joins Coordinated Effort for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale Police Department has joined forces with Luke Air Force Base, Glendale City Court, Adult Probation and the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Domestic Violence Council to spread the word during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month that domestic violence is a serious crime where abusers will be held accountable. In addition, Glendale’s City Hall will be bathed in purple light, during the entire month of October. Purple is the color associated with domestic violence awareness.

“One of our priorities is to ensure that every citizen is safe in their own home,” said Interim Chief of Police Rick St. John. “The majority of domestic violence incidents happen in the victim’s home so any partnerships we can create and leverage to provide resources to these victims and their families will help end the cycle of abuse.”

Domestic violence affects people from all walks of life and of every age and demographic. It includes physical, emotional and psychological abuse. “It takes a coordinated effort from all corners of the city, including law enforcement, advocates, schools and civic groups to combat the scourge of domestic violence and declare that it will not be tolerated in our community,” said Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers.

The Glendale Family Advocacy Center, a division of the Glendale Police Department, is hosting an open house from 6-8 PM, on Thursday, October 20th, located at 6830 N. 57th Drive. Additional awareness

presentations are scheduled to be held at Midwestern University, Cactus High School, Raymond S. Kellis High School, as well as Glendale Public Library branch locations.

The Glendale Family Advocacy Center offers numerous resources for victims of family crimes. People involved in a violent relationship, or who know of others in a violent relationship are urged to contact the Glendale Family Advocacy Center at 623-930-3720 for information on those resources. Victims of a domestic violence crime currently being handled by the city prosecutor's office can call 623-930-3323 to speak with a Victim Advocate for assistance with case-related needs.

For more information about National Domestic Violence Awareness Month or events being held in Glendale call 623-930-3720 or visit the Glendale Family Advocacy Center website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/advocacycenter/index.cfm>

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