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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

DPSCS Has Dramatically Increased Its Domestic Violence Awareness Training and Outreach Efforts

Towson, MD (October 7, 2010)---Under the O'Malley Administration, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has dramatically increased its supervision, outreach, and training efforts for domestic violence (DV) cases and victims. Since October is a month dedicated to the reduction of domestic violence, here are some highlights of the DPSCS effort and involvement.

- The DPSCS Professional Development and Training Division has originated an intensive curriculum on DV cases and victims.
- All Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) agents and their supervisors (more than 800) have now completed mandatory domestic violence and victims' rights training, and routinely process domestic violence risk assessments and supervision checklists.
- DPP automatically receives notification when an offender under DPP supervision has a protective order issued against him or her.
- Most DV offenders are now under more intensive DPP supervision than in previous years.
- DPSCS' Information Technology and Communication Division (ITCD) added an informational "flag" for offender RAP sheets that lets law enforcement know the nature of crimes related to DV.
- The DPSCS Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which uses offender court fees, restitution, and state and federal funds to compensate victims of crime for the physical and psychological losses associated with the crime, honors those affected by domestic violence by participating in the purple ribbon campaign and attending community partner events during the month of October. These include:

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Oct. 15—10 am
Domestic Violence Premiere Screening
Prince George's County Hospital Center
Deitz Auditorium (1st Floor)
3001 Hospital Drive
Cheverly, MD

Oct. 15—7pm-10pm
Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center's Chocolate Affair
DPSCS and Secretary Gary Maynard will be honored at this event – see attached
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89
2905 Old Largo Rd # A
Upper Marlboro, MD

Oct. 20—5:30 pm
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner
Overhills Mansion
916 S. Rolling Road
Catonsville, MD

Oct. 27—12 pm
Life Crisis Center Community Recognition Luncheon
Holiday Inn
300 S. Salisbury Blvd
Salisbury, MD

Oct. 28—5pm
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
9630 Technology Drive
Easton, MD

Oct. 29—6:30 pm
YWCA Memorial Service/CandleLight Remembrance/Peace Walk/Reception
Lawyers Mall
80 College State Ave.
Annapolis, MD

- DPP's Office of Victim Services employs Coordinators located throughout the state whose purpose is to provide direct victim services to crime victims whose offenders are being supervised by DPP, to provide technical assistance to field operations regarding the statutory and policy mandates of victim services, and to collaborate with community and criminal justice partners to ensure that the delivery of victim services is seamless. Some of the DV month events that the DPP OVS is participating in are listed below:

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Oct. 17—10 am
CHANA/CLINCH Self-Defense Class
Lawyers Mall
1414 Reisterstown Road, 2nd Flr.
Baltimore, MD 21208

Event Description: In coordination with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, CHANA (Counseling, Helpline, and Aid Network for Abused women) and Clinch Fight and Fitness, are teaming up again to offer a free Self-defense class for women in our community.

Oct. 25-29—12noon – 2 pm
Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County
Brown Bag Forums
3601 Taylor St.
Brentwood, MD 20722

Event Description: Come and Share Your Domestic Violence Resources. All sessions are free and open to the public. Law Enforcement, organizations, non-profits are encouraged to come and share, network, and participate in these informal discussion about domestic violence in our community.

For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness in Maryland see the attached flyer, visit the [Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence's website](#) or learn more about the [Domestic Violence Awareness Project 2010](#) from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services protects the public,
its employees and the detainees and offenders under its supervision.