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GIVING VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES A VOICE

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SPECIAL EDITION
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

MPD's Victim Services Branch is using a new platform called GovDelivery to improve communication with those we serve. This includes posting upcoming events for the Department and community organizations. GovDelivery allows users to create an account and easily subscribe to MPD's Victim Services communications. To subscribe please visit **mpdc.dc.gov/subscribe** or scan the QR code at right. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach us at **victim.services@dc.gov.**

VSB Shares Knowledge About Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign in October that raises awareness about domestic violence, focusing on the needs and experiences of victims and survivors.

For the past several months, MPD has hosted hundreds of events through the kNOw DV public awareness campaign. This District-wide initiative highlights the importance of providing resources and educating the community and those impacted by domestic violence.

As part of our commitment to this initiative, the Victim Services Branch (VSB) kicked off DVAM with "Painting MPD Purple". This campaign encouraged MPD members and the community to stand in solidarity with victims and survivors while promoting education and prevention throughout the District.

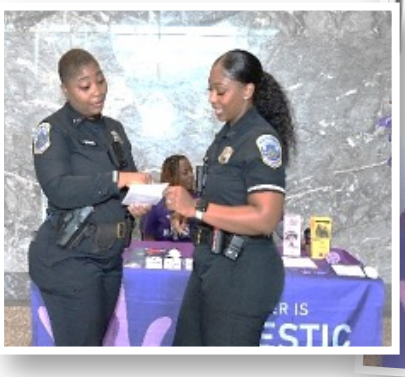


■ MPD developed posters for the kNOw DV campaign press conference. Scan the QR code for resources.

■ VSB hosts tabling at the Fourth District, engaging with members of the community.



■ MPD officers converse over DV resources at HQ.





■ Second District and VSB members stand in solidarity with DV victims and survivors.

SCENES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, MPD recently hosted the 6th Annual Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium Event at the Reservoir Park Recreation Center. Coordinated by Victim Specialist **Dawn Christie**, with support from fellow MPD personnel and community partners, the event provided a supportive space to reflect on the impact of domestic violence and breast cancer while honoring the resilience of those affected.



■ MPD stands with DV and Breast Cancer Survivors.



■ 6th Annual Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium Backdrop.

As October comes to an end, MPD and their partners remain committed to educating the community and providing resources on the impact of domestic violence. These efforts will continue through the kNOw DV public awareness campaign.





■ VSB members and community partners table at the Community Conversation DVAM Resource Fair.

SPECIAL MENTION

In September, VSB partnered with the U.S. Attorney's Office Victim Witness Division to host the 2nd Annual A-List Conference: For Advocacy Leaders, bringing together victim advocates across the DC region to strengthen collaboration, improve services for victims and survivors, and promote advocate well-being.



■ Advocates gather to express the importance of supporting one another.

Upcoming Events: January is Stalking Awareness Month

In recognition of Stalking Awareness Month, the VSB will be conducting outreach throughout the District, providing crucial resources to those impacted by Stalking.

For more information, contact us via VSB's confidential email address at **victim.services@dc.gov**.

