

MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee
December 17, 2015

Consent Agenda Item 3B: MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council

In October, MAG held the Lifesaving Lethality Assessments Press Conference at the Banner Simulation Center in Mesa in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The press conference highlighted the lifesaving value of lethality assessments and featured a number of local speakers including Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane, MAG Regional Council Chair; Mesa Vice Mayor Dennis Kavanaugh; Apache Junction Vice Mayor Robin Barker, MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Chair; Glendale Police Chief Debora Black; City of Phoenix Prosecutor Amy Offenberg and a domestic violence survivor. The event had significant reach, resulting in an invitation for Amy Offenberg and Vice Mayor Robin Barker to speak on the Arizona Horizon's Show about domestic violence.

The Regional Domestic Violence Council also approved the revised Misdemeanor Protocol Model at their December meeting. The protocol was revised through a collaborative, multidisciplinary effort and includes best practice recommendations for domestic violence misdemeanor investigation and arrest. Included revisions aim to update the protocol as well as ensure it is closely aligned with the felony protocol model housed by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

The Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence will also be updated through a collaborative effort. Meetings of the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence work group will be scheduled for January. Please let Amy Robinson know if you would like to participate in that work group by emailing arobinson@azmag.gov, or calling (602) 254-6300. A sign-up sheet will also be available for those present.