

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 4, 2011

SUBJECT:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

SUMMARY:

Each year, MAG coordinates a calendar of activities scheduled in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to provide information about efforts to end domestic violence. The calendar will be distributed and the trailer for a new video will be shown at the meeting. MAG has developed an outreach video to promote efforts through the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project that enhance the way the region responds to domestic violence through the criminal justice system. The project is funded by a STOP grant from the Governor's Office with the goal of assessing the way the region arrests and prosecutes domestic violence offenders at the misdemeanor level. The protocol model developed through the project and featured in the video was approved by the MAG Regional Council in September 2011.

PUBLIC INPUT:

An opportunity for public input was provided at the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting on August 25, 2011. No comments were made at that time.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Activities are scheduled during October to raise awareness about domestic violence. This gives the public more information and results in better access to resources. Ending domestic violence and providing the assistance to recover from domestic violence save lives and significant costs to society. The Protocol Evaluation project video provides information to the general public about enhancements being made to the criminal justice system to better serve victims of domestic violence.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: According to a new report by the Violence Policy Center, analysis of 2009 homicide data ranks Arizona fourth highest in the country for the number of women murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. Ten percent of the victims were under the age of 18 years and eight percent were over the age of 65 years. The average age of women losing their lives to domestic violence was 37 years. Research demonstrates that approximately one out of four women will suffer violence at the hands of their loved ones at some point in their lives. A scientific survey commissioned by MAG indicated 40 percent of respondents knew someone who had survived domestic violence or had survived domestic violence personally. The personal costs are of the highest concern. In addition, the prevalence of domestic violence in this region incurs a variety of significant costs to the criminal justice system, healthcare, and employers.

POLICY: Efforts to prevent and intervene in domestic violence will save lives and money. Outreach efforts such as Domestic Violence Awareness Month are powerful vehicles to disseminate information throughout the general public. In the survey commissioned by MAG, more than two thirds (69 percent) of respondents indicated they learn about domestic violence from television and just less than one third (32 percent) read about it in the newspaper. This highlights the importance of using mainstream media to disseminate information to the general public. The video will be distributed to the municipal cable stations and placed in YouTube to maximize access.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On August 25, 2011, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council received a report on the Protocol Evaluation Project video for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Malissa Perez for Celeste Adams, Save the Family
- Christina Avila, City of Avondale
- Sgt. Marc Rivers for Lt. Robert Bates, Phoenix Police Dept.
- * John Belatti, City of Chandler Prosecutor's Office
- * John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
- Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Town Manager Rick Buss, Town of Gila Bend
- Chris Christy, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- JoAnn Del-Colle, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center
- * Councilmember Roy Delgado, City of El Mirage
- * President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Kristen Scharlau for Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe
- Will Gonzalez, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office
- * Laura Guild, Arizona Dept. of Economic Security
- Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, City of Phoenix Police Dept., Chair
- * Lynette Jelinek, Glendale Fire Dept.
- Alice Ghareib for Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
- Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter Inc.
- Councilmember Suzanne Klapp, City of Scottsdale
- * Councilmember Sheri Lauritano, City of Goodyear
- Councilmember Phil Lieberman, City of Glendale
- Jodi Beckley Liggett, Arizona Foundation for Women
- Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Vice Chair
- Mary Murphy, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families
- * Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos Por la Causa
- Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
- Lynn Potts for John Pombier, City of Mesa Prosecutor's Office
- Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
- * Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal Services

+Those attending by video/audio conference
* Those not present or represented by proxy

CONTACT PERSON:

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



For more information contact Rachel Brito at (602) 254-6300 or email RBrito@azmag.gov.

Date and Time	Events	Location	Sponsors	Contact
October 1, 2011 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Teen & Dating Violence Awareness Workshop	Address available upon RSVP.	Sojourner Center	Erik Ketcherside (602) 296-3335 or eketcherside@sojournercenter.org
October 6, 2011 Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Ethics in Domestic Violence Situations John Pombier, Mesa City Prosecutor	Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Administration Building, Auditorium 3-4 2601 East Roosevelt Street Phoenix, AZ 85008	Mariposa: Wings to Safety	Dena Salter (602) 344-1545
October 6-7, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	AZ Violent Crimes Against Women and Children Conference: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow	Glendale Civic Center 5750 West Glenn Drive Glendale, AZ 85301	Glendale Police Department's Glendale Family Advocacy Center and partner organizations.	Sgt. Genea Stephens (623) 930-3721
October 11, 2011 Noon	Speaking on Domestic Violence	Address available upon RSVP	Mesa Rotary Club	RSVP Required. Linda King (480) 834-3387
October 13, 2011 Noon to 1:00 p.m.	HIV and Domestic Violence Lorraine Brown	Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Administration Building, Auditorium 3-4 2601 East Roosevelt Street Phoenix, AZ 85008	Mariposa: Wings to Safety	Dena Salter (602) 344-1545
October 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.	For Worse Never Better: Diary of an Abused Wife and Escape to Freedom. Meet author/volunteer and motivational speaker Penelope Van Buskirk.	Mesquite Public Library 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway North Phoenix, AZ 85032	Chrysalis	Lorie Simms (602) 955-9059
October 14, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	"NO More Victims - KNOW More, Just Ask" 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Breakfast	Chandler Center for the Arts 250 N. Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225	Chandler Domestic Violence Commission	Katie Cain (480) 782-4535 or katie.cain@chandleraz.gov
October 15, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Fix the Hurt presents: Control. Assault.Delete (2 person play)	Wonderama Improv Theater 930 W. Independence, Tempe, AZ 85281	\$10.00 to benefit SEEDS/NATN	Linda King (480) 834-3387
October 15, 2011 4:00 p.m.	Open Door Awards	Joy-Us Events Banquet Hall 3131 N. 35th Avenue, #P Phoenix, AZ 85017	Moma's House. Tickets are \$25.00 per month to be purchased in advance.	Contact: Laurinda Cumming (602) 686-4222
October 17, 2011 1:15 p.m. check-in; presentation by volunteer lawyers & questions 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Litigants Without Lawyers: Free group presentation for people with low-incomes representing themselves in Family Court in Maricopa County	Superior Court Central Court Building 201 W Jefferson Street 5th floor, Courtroom 501 Phoenix, AZ 85003	Family Lawyers Assistance Project (FLAP), Volunteer Lawyers Program, Community Legal Services & Maricopa County Bar Association	(602) 506-7948 RSVP not required, but strongly suggested.
October 18, 2011 8:30 a.m. to 11:30pm	Discussion Event: Late life domestic violence and elder abuse	North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012	Area Agency on Aging	(602) 264-4357
October 20, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	MAG Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event	Wyndham Phoenix 50 East Adams Street Meeting Level Phoenix, AZ 85004	Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)	RSVP by 10/6/11. Amy St. Peter (602) 254-6300 Registration: Rbrito@azmag.gov
October 27, 2011 6:30 p.m.	Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil	Veteran's Memorial Park 1001 N. Idaho Rd. Apache Junction, AZ 85119	Apache Junction Police Department	Constance Halonen (480) 474-5442
October 28, 2011 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.	"Abuse is NOT Cool" Teen Dating Violence Awareness	Avondale City Center Randall McDaniel Sports Complex 755 N. 114th Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323	Avondale Police Department	Adaly Armenta (623) 333-7219
October 29, 2011 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Hands of Love Family Fun Festival	Chandler-Gilbert Community College 2626 E. Pecos Road Chandler, AZ 85225	Bug & Weed Mart Chandler-Gilbert Community College	RSVP by 10/26/11. Kim Martin (480) 821-1024 or kmartin@cc-az.org