



News Release

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — On Monday, the City Council issued a proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is still a very real concern in our community. In 2009, the City of Mountlake Terrace Police Department responded to more than 400 calls of domestic violence. While many of the perpetrators of such violence would like us to believe that these issues are “family affairs,” domestic violence is in fact a community concern.

The city partners with local resources to address domestic violence with a full time Violence and Crime Prevention Specialist who works in the Police Department. The Specialist conducts follow up investigation of all domestic violence crimes and works with the Prosecutor to ensure that offenders are held accountable for their behavior by the court system.

The city also has a Domestic Violence Legal Advocate supported by a partnership with Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. The Legal Advocate assists victims with filling out protection orders and other family court matters, provides court support, and provides referrals to other community resources.

The city began its 2nd annual *Purple Light Nights Campaign* on October 1 in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Purple light bulbs (black lights) are provided to the community with the intent to display during October as a reminder of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you would like a purple light for your home, please contact Danielle Singson at the Mountlake Terrace Police Department at (425) 744-6257. There is a limited supply available at no cost. However, if you already have a purple light, please display it throughout the month.

"This is our 10th year with no fatalities and no serious injuries in our domestic violence program," said Councilmember Michelle Robles. "It shows how dedicated and well trained our officers are. Our officers do a great job and I'm very proud of our program."

For more information, or if you would like to have a purple light to display, please contact DV Coordinator Danielle Singson at (425) 744-6257.

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