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Subject : Purple Ribbons Recall Domestic Violence Victims**Contact :** Sergeant Dan Ryan, Palo Alto Police Department 408-406-1330

Palo Alto, CA - Palo Alto Police Department patrol vehicles will be displaying purple ribbons during the month of October in commemoration of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The month of October has been designated by Congress each year since 1989 as a time to remember and honor the victims of domestic violence, and to support the survivors of all types of domestic violence.

On average, three women are killed each day in America, by a current or former domestic partner. 22% of all women and 7.4% of men report that they have been physically assaulted in their lifetime by a current or former partner. Accordingly, all law enforcement personnel are committed to reducing and ending acts of violence by partners or family members.

Detective Alisa Doran said that this crime hits families across the political, religious, and socio-economic spectrums. Last year, Palo Alto police documented 109 different incidents of domestic violence; in 75 % of the cases, women were the victims. Detective Doran encourages anyone in an abusive relationship to call for help, immediately.

For a current emergency, victims or witnesses can call 9-1-1.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)

The Support Network for Battered Women can be reached at 408-541-6100; Spanish Speakers may call 1-800-572-2782.

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