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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a national movement to bring public attention to the problem of intimate partner violence. While October is the official month for this campaign, many individuals and organizations in Longmont make domestic violence awareness their goal every single day.

### Facts:

- Domestic violence is Longmont's No. 1 public safety issue. More people are injured from domestic violence than any other crime in Longmont.
- Domestic violence is a serious public health issue. Nearly one-third of American women report having been physically or sexually abused by a boyfriend or husband at some point in their lives.
- Many children exposed to domestic violence exhibit behavioral and physical health problems, and what they experience growing up has an enormous impact on their future relationships.
- Between 13 and 25% of teenage girls have been in a physically or verbally abusive relationship.

Many events are taking place during October to bring awareness to domestic violence. "Off the Shelf" is a display of books and materials on domestic violence at the Longmont Public Library, the annual domestic violence memorial gathering is in the planning stages, and the Beth Haynes Award will be given to a police officer who has shown outstanding domestic violence work in Boulder County. Information about these events will be posted on [www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org](http://www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org) as soon as they become available.

Domestic violence is not a family,

individual or police issue – it is a community issue. Domestic violence in Longmont can be stopped, but it is going to take our residents working together to create a unified community that does not tolerate domestic violence. You can help. We ALL can. For more information, please call LEVI (Longmont Ending Violence Initiative) at 303-774-4534. For emergency counseling or shelter, call 303-772-4422. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.