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National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Beaverton Police Department today welcomed October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One in four women will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in her lifetime, and, on average, three women are killed every day at the hands of a current or former intimate partner. Domestic violence is a serious issue that affects people of all ages, races, gender identities, income levels, abilities, religions, backgrounds and beliefs. It includes physical, emotional, sexual, social, spiritual and financial abuse; and can occur between intimate partners, family members, and within dating relationships.

Despite tremendous challenges, domestic violence shelters served nearly 70,000 victims in one day alone, according to the latest National Network to End Domestic Violence [Domestic Violence Counts](#). More than three out of four domestic violence survivors who sought support groups, counseling, supportive services and legal advocacy found these services to be “very helpful,” the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the University of Connecticut School of Social Work [reported](#).

Throughout October, communities across the country will mourn for those whose lives were taken by domestic violence, celebrate the tremendous progress victim advocates have made over the years, and connect with one another with a true sense of unity to end domestic violence.

The Beaverton Police Department will try to bring more attention to domestic violence by displaying purple ribbons on all patrol cars during the month of October. We hope that this will start conversations related to how to prevent domestic violence and how to take care of the victims.

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