

NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS



Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent is to connect advocates across the nations who are working to end domestic violence.

Lights of Hope Rally on Day of Unity – Monday, October 5, 2015

The City of Miami Police Department Domestic Violence Unit will be hosting this event designed to connect those who work to end the violence. The rally is being sponsored by the Do The Right Thing Program through the Verizon Hopeline.

**Miami Police College Auditorium
350 NW 2nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33128
10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.**

Additionally, throughout October, the City of Miami Police Department Domestic Violence Unit will have information tables set up in the lobbies of the Miami Police Department Headquarters and its two substations in the North and South Districts to provide the community with valuable resources regarding domestic violence. There will also be collection boxes for the Verizon Hopeline and Lotus House to assist victims of domestic violence.

Verizon Hopeline Collection Boxes (Old/Unused Phones)

Do The Right Thing has partnered with Verizon as they work to support domestic violence prevention and awareness initiatives, programs, and organizations in our community. Collection boxes will be placed at all three police stations where the public can donate no-longer-used wireless phones, batteries, chargers, and accessories from any service provider in any condition.

Lotus House Collection Boxes (Wish List)

We have placed collection boxes at all three stations to benefit Lotus House and we ask that you assist them by donating items from their wish list found on their website at <http://lotushouse.org/>. Lotus House is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of homeless women, youth, and children. They provide sanctuary, support, education, tools, and resources to those in need.

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