

News Release

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317-872-1086 ext. 14***Speedway Police Department Partners with Beacon of Hope***

Indianapolis, IN, July 25, 2013: Domestic violence victims in Speedway will now have advocacy services available through the Speedway Police Department. Beacon of Hope, a domestic violence victim advocacy agency located on the west side of Indianapolis, is partnering with Speedway Police Department to respond to domestic violence police runs. Modeled after the Julian Center's successful partnership with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Beacon of Hope will respond to all of Speedway Police Department's domestic violence runs either in person, by phone or by mail.

Victims will receive safety planning, assistance with obtaining protective orders, crisis counseling, referrals to community resources and assistance navigating the criminal justice system through Beacon of Hope.

In the past, Speedway Police Department has used volunteers to serve their advocacy needs, but it has not always been successful. The Domestic Violence Network, who assists in building bridges between organizations to end domestic violence, recognized Speedway Police Department's need for advocacy and introduced them to Beacon of Hope.

Both Speedway Police Department and Beacon of Hope are thrilled to partner to better serve victims of domestic violence. For more information, please contact: Kelly McBride, Acting Director, Domestic Violence Network: 317-872-1086, Terry Moore, Executive Director, Beacon of Hope: 317-731-6131, Sarah Edie, Speedway Police Department: 317-244-9543.

The mission of DVN is to engage the community to end domestic violence through advocacy, education and collaboration. Founded in 1997, DVN builds networks to ensure that prevention efforts are in place, effective services are present to assist people who are abused and who abuse, best practice and evidenced-based education and trainings are offered to the community and awareness initiatives and campaigns that promote help and healthy relationships. To learn more about the Domestic Violence Network please visit www.DVNconnect.org.

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