City residents to receive a resource flyer in their utility bill to help combat domestic violence

A victim resource flyer that lists two dozen organizations, hotlines, and services to help victims of domestic violence will land right where it’s needed most … in homes.

The resource guide is a collaborative effort between the Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition, the Spokane Police Department, and the City of Spokane. The City is mailing out 85,000 flyers in utility bills starting the first week of May. Funding for the project came from the Spokane Police Guild, and the Innovia Foundation’s COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funds.

Historically, domestic violence is underreported to Law Enforcement and that underreporting is highlighted during these unprecedented times. The reason, in part, according to Spokane Police Sgt. Jordan Ferguson, is because not all victims want police or deputies involved in their personal lives. “This flyer empowers victims by giving them options” he says.

Spokane is fortunate to have 24 domestic violence and child abuse prevention resources, says Annie Murphey, Executive Director-Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition.

“Every person’s experience is unique. Now, more than ever, as we face outcomes of long-term isolation and resource deprivation, we need to let people know there are diverse options available. We strive to be even more collaborative, more focused and more resourceful. There is great strength in our community partnerships, especially when it comes to ending domestic violence” she adds.

If you don’t need the resources offered in this flyer, please consider someone else who may. Check on a relative or friend and encourage them to take advantage of the help available in our area. Put the flyer on your refrigerator or otherwise keep it handy. You never know when you can help End the Violence for yourself or someone you love.

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