

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

At the October 25th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Frank DelCore and the Township Committee presented a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that a person uses against a partner, former partner or family member to control that person. The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifference. The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic abuse, with the impact of this crime being wide-ranging.

Everyone deserves to live a life free from the fear of being hurt or killed by people who are supposed to love them. In our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who often suffer grave physical, psychological and financial losses. It is victims of domestic violence themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

Safe + Sound Somerset has been serving people affected by domestic violence for over 37 years. Safe + Sound Somerset agency services include emergency shelter, 24-hour call and text hotline, transitional housing, legal advocacy, outreach counseling, community education and volunteer Domestic Violence Response Teams. Safe + Sound Somerset services are completely confidential and free of charge for survivors of domestic abuse, women, men, and children.



Pictured: Committeeman Greg Burchette, Joelle Piercy of Safe + Sound Somerset, Mayor Frank DelCore and Committeewoman Gloria McCauley