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Domestic Violence Awareness

"Acts of domestic violence go against the Navy and Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment."

– The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy

Since October, the Department of the Navy's (DoN) Crime Reduction Program has highlighted the dangers of domestic violence and presented service members with available outlets for seeking help. As the Crime Prevention Program's Domestic Violence Awareness campaign comes to a close, the Navy continues to be vigilant in preventing abuse. Domestic violence is a crime that affects individuals, families and communities. The Department of the Navy is not immune to domestic violence, but it will not tolerate it. Through training, counseling and support services, the Navy is doing its part to minimize domestic violence within its ranks.

The DoN Crime Reduction Program continues to target domestic violence

- The DoN Crime Reduction Program, a partnership between DoN law enforcement and service organizations and initiated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, kicked off its inaugural campaign targeting domestic violence. The campaign began in October and continues through December.
- The goal of the Crime Reduction Program is to prevent service members and their families from becoming victims of common crimes.
- During the Domestic Violence Awareness campaign, service members worldwide received specific training briefs and participated in awareness events created to illustrate the dangers of family violence. These events were designed to increase education and awareness of the consequences of domestic violence for both the victim and the offender.

Preventing Domestic Violence

- Domestic violence negatively impacts military readiness and unit morale. Aside from the human toll domestic violence takes, lengthy investigative and legal processes result in the loss of work-years and production.
- Commander Navy Installations Command's Fleet and Family Service Centers (FFSC) focus efforts on prevention through training sessions that create greater awareness of domestic violence. This aggressive outreach program has enabled the FFSC to reach out and contact 400% more families since 2007.
- Fleet and Family Support Programs offer counseling services to help both victims and offenders.
- Commanders reduce the stigma associated with seeking help by supporting those seeking help and encouraging Sailors and their families to utilize the services and resources available to them.

Key Messages

- DoN leadership works to prevent violence before it happens by focusing on Sailors at-risk for becoming offenders or victims.
- Domestic violence cannot be allowed or tolerated within the Department of the Navy
- Domestic violence negatively impacts military readiness and unit morale.
- Fleet and Family Support Programs offer counseling services for victims and offenders and raise awareness about domestic violence prevention.

Facts & Figures

Fleet and Family Support Programs:

- Increased budget in 2007 and 2008 by 50% to hire more counselors and provide them more training
- Trained more than 250 clinicians in 2008
- Have more than 500 providers
- Support new parents, run the Family Advocacy Program and have available both child and adult counselors.