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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO BE REMEMBERED AT CEREMONY

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Council will co-host a press conference this Thursday, October 1, 2009, to mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The press conference will take place at 10:00 a.m. in front of Metro's Investigative Services Division, 8750 West Oakey Boulevard.

Captain Vincent Cannito, who leads Metro's Crimes Against Youth and Families Bureau, and Wendy Wilkinson, President of the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Council, will be on hand to speak about the crime of domestic violence and its consequences.

During the ceremony the names of those Southern Nevada domestic violence victims who lost their life between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009, will be read, and a plaque inscribed with their names will be unveiled. This plaque will join two other plaques which contain the names of over 250 domestic violence victims who have lost their lives in the last 11 years.

An exhibit of paintings, made by children who have experienced domestic violence within their home, will also be on hand, along with victims who have actually experienced the crime and have survived to speak about it.

There will be numerous interview opportunities available to members of the media. All media outlets are encouraged to attend.

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