



# Block Watch Quarterly

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## Domestic Violence

**According to the National Institute of Justice, approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As defined in the informational brochure prepared by the City of Olympia Victim Assistance Office and given to victims of domestic violence contacted by our officers, "Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to establish and maintain control over another partner/person. Domestic violence consists of physical, sexual, psychological, financial and emotional abuse. Domestic violence is NOT consensual. Abusive behavior is learned. Without intervention and counseling, the abusive behavior can increase in frequency or severity. To survive, victims develop coping strategies and survival techniques in an attempt to avoid harm and injury. While victims attempt to alter their behavior to stop the violence, reality is, they cannot stop it because they do not cause it. Drugs, alcohol and/or stress do NOT cause domestic violence. There are many people who are stressed, drink alcohol and/or use drugs that are NOT violent. The abuser may have other issues that may also need to be treated in conjunction with domestic violence counseling such as chemical dependency and/or mental health illness."

Recently, homicides related to domestic violence have happened in our local area. As community members, we can help those experiencing domestic violence get connected to the resources they need to stay safe. One of the best resources in our community is SafePlace. On November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 PM, they are hosting an event entitled, "**A Community Conversation on Domestic violence – What We as Family, Friends and Neighbors Can Do**" at Lacey City Hall.

SafePlace can assist victims of abusive relationships with emergency shelter, crisis services, legal advocacy and support groups. Call or visit their website for more information.

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Olympia, WA 98501

Business Phone: 360-786-8754  
Crisis Line: 360-754-6300/TTY – 360-943-6703  
Website: [www.safeplaceolympia.org](http://www.safeplaceolympia.org)  
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## Officer Profile

### Internet Lingo

Every wonder what all of those abbreviations mean? Here's a list from "Parents, the Anti-Drug" at [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com):

**POS** Parent Over Shoulder  
**PIR** Parent In Room  
**P911** Parent Alert  
**PAW** Parents are Watching  
**PAL** Parents are Listening  
**KPC** Keeping Parents Clueless

**WYCM** Will You Call Me?  
**ASL** Age/Sex/Location  
**KFY** Kiss For You  
**LMIRL** Let's Meet In Real Life  
**WUF** Where Are You From?  
**WYRN** What's Your Real Name?

### Upcoming Forum

*"Gang Activity: Prevention is Possible" featuring Richard Santana/Senor Chocolate*

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
6 – 8 PM  
Olympia High School

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For more information, contact Ellen Nelson at 493-2230 ext 24.

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After graduating from West Point and a career in US Army, Officer George Samuelson came to work at OPD in 1995. His primary focus as a police officer has been to improve the quality of life for residents of apartment communities. In fact, his favorite part of this job is developing relationships with apartment managers that enable them to work together to solve problems.

Officer Samuelson encourages neighborhoods to get to know the officers that work in their community by inviting them to attend neighborhood meetings and celebrations.



### Do Not Call Registry Expiration

It has been 5 years since the Federal Trade Commission implemented the Do Not Call Registry. Those who signed up at that time should re-register.

Please call 1-800-382-1222 or visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

For more information about the Do Not Call Registry, visit <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt107.pdf>.

### Meth 360...Presentations that Make a Difference

Law enforcement, treatment and prevention professionals and community members are invited to participate in free training that will cover the facts about meth the community needs to know, how to present this information to parents, youth and community groups and how to customize the message to the audience. Training will be held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9

AM - 4 PM. To register, contact Kathy at 493-2230 ext 16 or [kraettig@thurstonttogether.org](mailto:kraettig@thurstonttogether.org).