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**Subject:** Redondo Beach Police Domestic Violence Victims' Advocacy Team  
Candlelight Vigil – Saturday, October 17, 2009 6:00 p.m.  
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The Redondo Beach Police Department Domestic Violence Victims' Advocacy Team will host a candlelight vigil on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The vigil will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Redondo Beach City Civic Center, located at 415 Diamond Street. Parking is available in the main library's underground lot.

The vigil will honor survivors of domestic violence, educate the community about domestic violence and send the message that domestic violence will not be tolerated in our community.

The Redondo Beach Police Department started the Domestic Violence Victims' Advocacy Team in 1996 with the assistance of a grant from the Beach Cities Health District. Today there are twenty-seven volunteer members who respond twenty-four hours a day to assist with services for victims of domestic violence. The volunteers contact more than one hundred twenty-five victims annually.

Domestic disturbance incidents are among the most dangerous calls for service for Police and Fire personnel. The emotions of the involved parties are highly charged. These incidents often lead to physical violence between family members and cohabitants and toward public safety personnel who arrive to help. This program provides immediate crisis intervention and support services to the victims of domestic violence during the initial police response. Through partnership with trained victim advocates at the scenes of domestic violence, the Department empowers victims through education and advocacy. The advocates continue to provide information and support for up to six months after the original incident or until completion of the court case.

For further information please contact Community Based Officer Ian Miesen at [ian.miesen@redondo.org](mailto:ian.miesen@redondo.org) or 310-379-2477 x1-2493.