

# LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT.... IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

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Public Safety Group  
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# ISSUE

## Calvert County

- ◉ Domestic Violence Arrests
  - 2014: 138
  - 2015: 219
- ◉ Restraining Orders
  - 2013: 536
  - 2014: 503
  - 2015: 566
  - 2016 through March: 112
- ◉ Safe Harbor Shelter Bed Nights
  - 2013: 3,100 for 44 clients
  - 2014: 3,285 nights for 57 clients
  - 2015: 4,624 nights for 53 clients
  - Currently 8 women and 12 children
- ◉ Hotline calls to Crisis Intervention Center
  - 2013: 10,529
  - 2014: 7,933
  - 2015: 13,300
  - Through March - serving 158 clients who have been impacted by Domestic Abuse

## Saint Mary's County

- ◉ Domestic Violence Arrests
  - 2014: 358
  - 2015: 325
  - 2015 to date: 73
- ◉ Restraining Orders
  - 2014: 539
  - 2015: 634
  - 2016 to date: 168

## Charles County

- ◉ Domestic Violence Arrests
  - 2014: 706
  - 2015: 687
  - 2016: 136
- ◉ Domestic Warrants Received/ Served
  - 2014: 443/372
  - 2015: 582/ 468
  - 2016: 184/157
- ◉ Domestic Criminal Summons Received/ Served
  - 2014: 1050/914
  - 2015: 1133/1009
  - 2016: 282/264

*Spousal/ Partner Abuse is a hidden problem. Victims are often isolated and afraid to seek out help. Our goal is to provide resources across the tri-county area so that victims can become empowered to reach out for a "safety ring."*

# GOAL

*As a team, our goal was to understand the problem in Southern Maryland.*

*To educate the community and victims on what constitutes abuse, signs to look for, and how to seek out assistance.*

# PROJECT

- Web Site
- TV Public Access: Power Point presentation that will be shown on Comcast's Public Access channels in all three counties indefinitely.
- Comcast SPOTLIGHT interview about Domestic Violence with county SMEs is planned.
- "Help is Here" Business Cards Distributed Throughout Tri-County Area
  - Hospitals
  - Fire/Rescue Squads
  - Health Providers
  - Court Houses
  - Libraries
  - Detention Centers
  - Places of Worship



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STOP Domestic Violence

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LOVE SHOULD BE A MARYLAND HELP IS HERE

MANY VICTIMS DO LEAVE AND LEAD SUCCESSFUL, VIOLENCE FREE LIVES!

PLEASE STOP

Often the person being abused does not feel that they can leave the relationship because the abuser has taken control of finances and assets (whether physically or mentally), and it creates a barrier that the person feels they cannot overcome. This usually carries on until a critical incident occurs. This guide is designed to empower individuals so that he/she will know who to call, or how to navigate a safe

What is Abuse?

- > Physical Abuse
- > Psychological Abuse
- > Emotional Abuse

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# QUESTIONS?