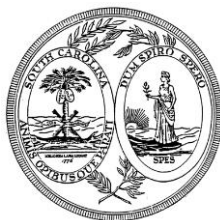


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Solicitor Forms Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Solicitor Walt Wilkins announced that his office has formed The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council to help combat domestic violence in Greenville and Pickens Counties. Professionals from Counseling Services, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, School Systems, and Social Services will make up the Council in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

The Council meets quarterly and its community partnerships continue to grow. Businesses and Organizations are encouraged to attend the Council's meetings and become a part of not only the conversation but also programs and initiatives that are forthcoming.

Those programs and initiatives will include creating public service announcements, victim safety kits, and an interactive information bank. The Council is self-sustaining and will fundraise to cover its expenses. Please be on the look-out for fundraising events. Everyone and anyone can get involved.

"October is domestic violence awareness month," stated Solicitor Wilkins. "I encourage everyone to reflect on this important community issue. Wear purple with a purpose and strike up a conversation with a neighbor about the need to curb domestic violence in our community."

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