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National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Recognition of Volunteer Advocates and Department Detectives *Public Announcement*

Casper, Wyoming (March 31, 2017) – The Casper Police Department is pleased to recognize its eleven volunteer advocates during a ceremony on Wednesday, April 5th at 11am at City Hall. Mayor Kenyne Humphrey will read a proclamation and publically recognize these tremendous volunteers who work with the Department's Crisis Response Unit, a unit that provides 24-hour crisis response, support, and advocacy service to victims of all types of crime in Casper. These volunteers donated an incredible 13,000 hours of on-call time and over 300 hours of on-site service to victims in our community.

Other victim services providers, including individuals from the Natrona County Sheriff's Office and the Natrona County District Attorney's Office, will also be recognized for their outstanding service to victims within the community. Natrona County District Attorney Mike Blonigen will speak during this ceremony.

The Casper Police Department's Victim Services Unit will also recognize Casper Police Department detectives for their diligent investigative work in support of victims within Casper.

This ceremony is part of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance led by the National Office of Victims of Crime for communities to recognize individuals and organizations that provide service and support to victims. Mayor Humphrey will read a proclamation in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and she, in concert with Wyoming Medical Center (WMC) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE Nurses), will highlight the *Start by Believing Campaign*, a national campaign aimed at changing the way society responds to reports of sexual assault.

This event is free and open to the public and media organizations.

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