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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Since 1987, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) has been observed across the United States during the month of October. Traditionally, DVAM is a time to raise awareness about domestic violence issues, and the services that are available to victims.

This year, the Los Banos Police Department is proud to announce we will once again be partnering with Valley Crisis Center and Soroptimist to commemorate DVAM by walking in Valley Crisis' "Peace for Families March". This event will take place on October 18, 2012 at 6 p.m. The march will begin at Pacheco Park and conclude at the Los Banos Police Annex.

Every year the Los Banos Police Department responds to a large number of Domestic Disturbances. These incidents can be simple family disputes to very serious reports of Domestic Violence. In the first nine months of 2012 the Police Department responded to 358 non-criminal reports of Domestic Violence. Officers also responded to 40 calls of service related to Domestic Violence Court Order Violations. There were 91 reports of Criminal Domestic Violence Offenses in the first nine months of 2012.

For more information please contact Valley Crisis Center at (209) 752-7900 or the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Home Page: <http://dvam.vawnet.org/>

To leave an anonymous crime tip call **209-827-7070 Ext. 288**. If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip at the Police Department's web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the "Contact" page simply click on the "report graffiti and other crime" link or visit the Merced Area Crime Stoppers by telephone at 1-855-725-2420, or at www.mercedareacrimestoppers.org

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