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Montco Sheriff Russell Bono launches campaign to collect phones for domestic abuse victims

Norristown, Pa., (February 13, 2015) – Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono has launched a new campaign to collect 9-1-1 phones for victims of domestic violence. As promised, the campaign is an extension of a gift of cell phones the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office made earlier this year to the Women's Center.

"Many of the Women's Center's clients come through our office to have their protection from abuse orders served," said Bono. "At times, some of those victims will ask for phones because they don't have one of their own. Our office has been successful in the past with cell phone collections, so we thought we would start another campaign for the Women's Center."

Donated cell phones don't need cellular service in order to make emergency calls. As long as the phone can be powered up and can locate a network, it can connect to 9-1-1 services.

Donated phones and chargers can be dropped off, and will be collected from clearly marked containers at these three drop-off points on a weekly basis:

- **Montgomery County Courthouse, 2 E. Airy St. Norristown, Pa.**
 - Main St. and Swede St. entrances
- **One Montgomery Plaza security post, 425 Swede St., Norristown, Pa.**
- **Youth Center security post, 54-550 Port Indian Road, Norristown, Pa.**

"We just hope to help these victims feel a little safer, knowing that they have a phone to use in the event of an emergency," said Bono.



For further information about the cell phone donation program, please contact MCSO Public Information Assistant Teresa Harris at tharris@montcopa.org or 610-278-5955.

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse who is in need of help, call the Women's Center of Montgomery County's 24/7 Hotline at 1-800-773-2424. Follow the **Women's Center of Montgomery County** on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/WomensCenterofMontgomeryCounty>. Follow the MCSO on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/montcosheriff and **Twitter** @MontCoPASHeriff and **Instagram** at <http://instagram.com/montcosheriff>.

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