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Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, recently hosted an educational seminar with local domestic violence advocates kicking off the *2010-2011 Stop Domestic Violence Training Tour*. USA Ihlenfeld plans to travel across the Northern District of West Virginia, visit the various domestic violence shelters, meet the advocates, and provide training on federal domestic violence laws.

“Having served as a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prosecutor for 3 years, this is an issue that is near and dear to me,” stated USA Ihlenfeld. “I am anxious to meet the advocates that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence on a day to day basis, let them know how much they are appreciated, and express to them how important prosecuting these cases is to our office.” Interstate Domestic Violence, Interstate Stalking, and Domestic Violence Federal Firearms Laws will be the focus of Ihlenfeld’s training. “These crimes will not be tolerated in the Northern District of West Virginia, and I want to work closely with the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence to do all that we can to combat these acts of violence and put the offenders behind bars.”



Front Row (Left to Right):

Barbie Tanley, YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP), Wetzel County Court Advocate; Patricia Flanigan, YWCA FVPP, Deputy Director; Julie Olszewski, Lighthouse Domestic Violence Awareness Center, Director; Debbie Wood, YWCA FVPP Director

Top Row (Left to Right):

William J. Ihlenfeld, II, United States Attorney; Cammie Pickens, YWCA FVPP, Marshall County Court Advocate; Carrie Bramhall, YWCA FVPP, Ohio County Court Advocate; Aimee Bowman, YWCA FVPP, Wetzel County Court Advocate