

Breaking Barriers: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference for first responders, law enforcement, & domestic violence advocate

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Dear District 2 residents,

I'm proud to share that earlier this month the Tacoma City Council approved my request to sponsor Mi Centro's First Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault conference titled Breaking Barriers: Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Conference for first responders, law enforcement, & domestic violence advocates. The Tacoma Police Department is also partnering with Mi Centro to host this event.

According to DomesticViolence.org, every year around 10 million people become victims of domestic violence, almost 20 every minute. It is vital that barriers preventing people from reporting are broken down and the needs of domestic violence victims are met, emphasizing prevention and culturally sensitive trauma-informed advocacy.

With this goal in mind, the Tacoma Police Department is partnering with Mi Centro to host a 3-day conference for law enforcement, first responders and DV advocates. The mission of this seminar is to educate and provide up-to-date research and resources in order to strengthen our collective responsibility to meet the needs of domestic violence victims. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Carolyn West, PH.D, Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Washington-Tacoma.

The conference is being held May 31 to June 2, 2023.



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