



## **Domestic Violence Services Network**

A collaboration among the Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Stow, and Wayland Police Departments, Hanscom Air Force Base, Community Volunteers, Concord District Court, and

Domestic Violence Services Network Board

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# **A Candlelight Vigil: Remembering victims of domestic violence**

Please join us in remembering this year's victims of domestic violence at our annual candlelight vigil. It will be held at the First Parish Church in Concord, MA, 20 Lexington Rd., on Thursday, October 14 from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm. The keynote speaker will be State Senator Jamie Eldridge, Coffee and Dessert will follow.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The candlelight remembrance will commemorate all the victims who lost their lives to domestic violence in Massachusetts over the past year. We at DVSN have come together for these vigils since the early '90s and encourage you to join us.

Last year, domestic violence calls to police in the ten partner towns served by DVSN jumped nearly 40% to 10 reported incidents per week, while victims helped by DVSN rose 55% to nearly 50 per month. This year, reported incidents increased by another 20% to over 12 reported domestic violence incidents per week. .

We urge residents to get involved directly with the campaign against domestic violence. Join our community's efforts for a zero tolerance approach to domestic violence in our communities. Help us focus on addressing domestic violence prevention, education, and intervention throughout the year.

This event is co-sponsored by the Domestic Violence Services Network and The Sudbury Wayland Lincoln Domestic Violence Round Table. For more information on volunteering, or to learn more about the vigil, e-mail [dvvap@concordma.gov](mailto:dvvap@concordma.gov) or call 978-318-3421