October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of size, gender, or race. Yet the problem is often overlooked, excused or denied. This is especially true when the abuse is psychological rather than physical. Emotional abuse is often minimized, yet it can leave deep and lasting scars. In addition to the physical trauma, victims of domestic violence undergo emotional turmoil that can manifest itself in the form of depression and anxiety disorders.

Domestic Violence is a pattern of coercive tactics, perpetrated by one person against an adult intimate partner, with the goal of establishing and maintaining control over the victim.

Typically, there are some early warning signs that precede domestic abuse:

- **Control** - The abuser is constantly asking the victim where they are and who they are with. Oftentimes, the victim is not allowed to go anywhere without the abuser being present.
- **Isolation** - Victims are not allowed to be around family or friends at any time. Their lives revolve around their abusers. If they get caught associating with these other people, they suffer consequences as a result of their actions.
- **Blame** - Abusers will often blame everyone else for their actions and never admit that they

**Domestic Violence Facts**

- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.
- Every day in the U.S., more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.
- Ninety-two percent of women surveyed listed ‘reducing domestic violence and sexual assault’ as their top concerns.
- In the U.S., domestic violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year—the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs.

**Workshop: Defensive Tactics for Women On The Go**

**SHARP—Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention**

This four-hour course teaches participants mental awareness and offers tips on preventing certain unwanted situations from occurring. The control techniques covered in this workshop are low-level physical responses that can avert unwanted physical advances. Please see the Upcoming Events section of this issue for the dates, times, and location of this event. To register, contact the Public Safety Department at 718.289.5100, ext. 3730

**Sex Offender Registration Information**

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires registered sex offenders who are enrolled at or employed by institutions of higher learning to register with their local police authority. Interested members of the college community may come to Public Safety and ask to view department records on registered sex offenders associated with Bronx Community College.

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The BCC Annual Security Report will be available after October 1, 2012. At that time, you may obtain a copy of this report from the college’s website or from the Public Safety Office, Loew Hall, floor 5.