

## **M E D I A A D V I S O R Y**

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### **October is Relationship Violence Awareness Month**

**WHAT:** The Missoula Family Violence Council wants to draw attention to the fact that October is Relationship Violence Awareness month, a national event to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence.

The Missoula Family Violence Council is comprised of individuals and representatives from local agencies and organizations that are increasing awareness about relationship violence, sexual assault and stalking and call on our community members to join in ending this violence and work towards prevention. The MFVC welcomes anyone who is interested in working toward a non-violent community.

**EVENT:**

MFVC's Annual Awards Ceremony and City-County Proclamation

12:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3

Missoula County Courthouse Rotunda

MFVC recognizes individuals in various fields dedicated to serving victims of relationship violence, holding perpetrators accountable and preventing future violence. This year's winners are:

**Health Professional of the Year**

Claire Francoeur, APRN

First Step Resource Center

**Volunteer of the Year**

Chris Cox

YWCA Missoula

**Peace Officer of the Year—Missoula Police Department**

Officer Rebekah Potter

**Criminal Justice Professional of the Year**

Deputy Jim Agnew and Deputy Duncan Crawford

Missoula County Sheriff's Office

**Business of the Year**

Partners Creative

**Public Servant of the Year**

Frank Maradeo

Seeley Lake Fire Department

**Educator of the Year**

Danielle Wozniak

University of Montana

**Peace Officer of the Year—Missoula County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Paige Pavalone

**Citizen of the Year**

Stacy McCarthy Coulter

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