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THE PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND EMERGE! RAISE AWARENESS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

(Tucson, AZ) *The Pima County Attorney's Office* and *Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse* has teamed up to raise awareness on Domestic Violence. PCAO and *Emerge!* are sponsoring several community education and outreach events throughout the month of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Together the offices launched a month long campaign including billboards, posters, and displays in and around Southern Arizona focusing on the impact of domestic violence and where victims can get help. "All too often victims of domestic abuse are isolated, not knowing help is available. *Emerge!* and PCAO are working together to ensure all victims of abuse know how and where to get assistance." – *Sarah Jones, Emerge! CEO*

In Arizona and across the nation, domestic violence is not a personal, private, or family matter—it is a crime. Not only is it among the most common crimes investigated in Pima County, it can be fatal. Statewide, in the first eight months of 2011, 67 Arizonans died as the result of domestic violence—more than one death every four days.

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, *Pima County Attorney, Barbara LaWall* encourages residents to come out, get involved and help raise awareness within our community. "Domestic Violence is a serious problem that impacts our community, neighborhoods, friends, and families. Through education, awareness we can stop abuse and provide victims crucial support and resources they need."

Representatives from PCAO and *Emerge!* will be available with helpful information and resources for adults and fun and games for children.

All events are free open to the public.



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Tucson Meet Yourself

(El Presidio Park, west of the Consolidated Justice Court)
Friday, October 14, 11am-5pm
Saturday, October 15, 10am-5pm
Sunday, October 16, 11am-4pm

Tucson Pride In the Desert

(Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way)
Friday, October 15, 11am-4pm

Marana Founders' Day Festival

(Ora Mae Harn Park, 13250 N. Lon Adams Road, Marana)
Saturday, October 29, 9am-4pm
Sunday, October 30, 10am-4pm

For more information on activities and events visit the Emerge! website or [click here](#).

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