



# **News Release**

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**ACSO Partners With NOBLE and Verizon to Help Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors:**

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce our partnership with the Atkins Warren Chapter of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives) to collect used cell phones for Hopeline® from Verizon. The Hopeline® from Verizon program collects no-longer used wireless phones, batteries, chargers and accessories in any condition from any service provider in an effort to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. Wireless phones given to Hopeline® are turned into valuable financial support for domestic violence awareness and prevention initiatives.

ACSO has placed collection boxes for donated items in the lobby of our main administration building, located at 2621 SE Hawthorne Rd., and the Department of the Jail, located at 3333 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. In addition, donations of cell phones, batteries, chargers, and accessories can be given to any uniformed ACSO Deputy for submission to Hopeline® from Verizon as well.

Domestic violence is a national problem that impacts our communities, neighbors, coworkers, friends and family members. Through our partnership with NOBLE and Hopeline® from Verizon, we can help connect survivors of domestic violence to vital resources, fund organizations locally and nationwide while also doing our part to protect the environment.

ACSO is honored to partner with NOBLE and Verizon in our combined commitment to helping the 1 in 3 women, 1 in 4 men, and more than 3 million children in the United States impacted by domestic violence. We support the efforts of domestic violence organizations and agencies to prevent domestic violence, educate communities on cultivating healthy relationships and empower victims and survivors with resources and tools to rebuild and succeed.

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