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ACOVA Collecting Old Cell Phones to Aid Domestic Violence Victims

Pueblo, CO: Turn your old cell phone and certain other electronic devices into a potentially life-saving tool for victims of violence.

ACOVA (A Community Organization for Victim Assistance) is partnering with 911 Cell Phone Bank to collect cell phones and other certain electronic devices in any condition and age that will be repurposed and used to help victims of violence, including domestic violence and human trafficking. Other electronic devices collected will be refurbished or used for parts, depending on the condition. The refurbished items are sold and proceeds go to the 911 Cell Phone Bank to purchase emergency phones for distribution to victims of violence.

911 Cell Phone Bank will clear all data from the devices before they are donated to law enforcement agencies and/or victims' assistance programs where they can be used to provide emergency communication at no cost to victims of abuse. 911 Cell Phone Bank guarantees secure erasure of devices. Cell phones and other devices that are not usable or are unable to be cleared of all user data will be recycled and parts used for other devices.

The following electronic items are accepted:

- Cell phones, smartphones and Blackberrys from all carriers and manufacturers
- Laptop computers
- Tablets
- Cameras
- Digital media players such as MP3, DVD and CD players, voice recorders
- Portable video game systems
- Smart watches
- Memory storage devices such as SD cards and external memory storage devices
- Electronic accessories such as chargers, headsets, earphones and rechargeable batteries
- Desktop printers
- Pin Pad devices

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Items will be collected from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. through May 5 at the following locations: Pueblo County Jail lobby, 909 Court Street; Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Pueblo West Substation, 320 Joe Martinez Blvd.; and the Pueblo County Sheriff's annex, 920 N. Main Street.

For more information about the 911 Cell Phone Bank go to www.911cellphonebank.org. For more information about ACOVA go to www.pueblosheriff.com/170/ACOVA.

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