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ACOVA Collecting Cell Phones, Electronic Devices to Benefit Crime Victims

Pueblo, CO: ACOVA (A Community Organization for Victim Assistance) wants to help you get rid of unused cellphones and certain other electronic devices and, in doing so, help victims of domestic violence and other crimes.

With this being National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 6-12) and the theme being "Connecting Kinship Healing" and highlights the power of human connection in supporting survivors.

In alignment with this theme, ACOVA emphasizes the importance of secure communication for victims and survivors. For individuals escaping domestic violence or human trafficking, an untraceable phone can serve as a crucial lifeline.

For the fifth consecutive year, ACOVA is partnering with 911 Cell Phone Bank to collect cell phones and other specific electronic devices in any condition and age that will be used to help victims of violence, including domestic violence and human trafficking.

All devices will be professionally data-cleared and properly recycled before they are donated to law enforcement agencies and/or victims' assistance programs, where they can be used to provide emergency communication to victims of abuse.

"We've seen firsthand how a simple phone can be a lifeline for someone escaping a dangerous situation," said Kimberly Tate-Graen, ACOVA program coordinator. "By donating a device, you no longer use, you could be giving someone the chance to reach safety, find resources or rebuild their life."

Donated items can be dropped off by April 18 at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Pueblo West substation, 320 E. Joe Martinez Blvd., and the Pueblo Police Department, 200 S. Main Street. Items can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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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
- Pin Pad devices

NO printers will be accepted this year.

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

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