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Shelby County Coordinates *The Blueprint for Safety* Initiative for Domestic Violence

Shelby County Government continues its work to coordinate a more comprehensive response to domestic violence. Representatives from law enforcement, social services and community agencies across Shelby County are involved in *The Blueprint for Safety* project.

The initiative is funded by a \$300,000 federal grant through the U. S. Department of Justice. ***"The Blueprint for Safety* team has been holding continual meetings since 2010. We've learned much during these past four years of looking in-depth at the causes and responses to domestic violence. We'll be issuing progress reports during the next few months that will culminate with the comprehensive plan in 2015,"** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Representatives from the Shelby County Division of Community Services are coordinating *The Blueprint for Safety* initiative. The workgroup includes representatives from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis Police Department, Shelby County District Attorney's Office, Family Safety Center, General Sessions Court Division 10 (Domestic Violence Court) and a host of non-profit support agencies that assist domestic violence victims.

The Blueprint for Safety will utilize best practices for domestic violence cases, from the time a call is received by law enforcement through follow-up resources for victims.

***"Once The Blueprint for Safety* plan is accepted in the next few months, another team of agency representatives will monitor the progress to make sure policies and procedures are being followed. Our goal is to organize governmental resources to ensure a swift and certain response to domestic violence,"** added Martha Lott, Director of the Shelby County Division of Community Services.

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