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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES MOURN THE LOSS
OF ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER**

Hartford, CT- Advocates of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and its eighteen member programs mourn the loss of Sergeant Dario “Scott” Aponte, who was killed Tuesday evening responding to a domestic violence incidence.

“We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Aponte family,” says Agnes Maldonado, executive director of the Coalition. “And in his memory, we would also like to honor his service to victims of domestic violence, who all too often needed his help.”

According to Ms. Maldonado, too many police officers in Connecticut are dying responding to domestic incidents. In most police departments, domestic violence comprises most of the calls they receive. There are increased risks for officers when they attempt to intervene because oftentimes they do not have sufficient information to determine the level of risk they will encounter.

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence would like to remind the public that there is always help for anyone experience domestic violence by calling 888-774-2900. All calls are free and confidential. Advocates are there to provide help, support and a lending ear to anyone in need.

CCADV is a membership organization whose purpose is to work together to end domestic violence by changing the social conditions, beliefs and social actions that perpetuate this type of abuse. Last year, 53,006 individuals were provided domestic violence services through CCADV’s eighteen member programs. To learn more about the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, please visit www.ctcadv.org.