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The University of Florida Division of Public Safety 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 the 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 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.

It is one of the missions of the University Police Department to help reduce the incidence and severity of domestic violence, protect victims of domestic violence, and provide them with support through a combination of law enforcement and community services. This initiative is a great way we can come together with our university community and campus visitors to assist survivors of domestic violence and provide valuable resources to organizations who provide support.

Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick and several officers at UFPD are active members of the Atkins Warren Chapter of NOBLE, which is the local organization chapter, and all recognize the immediate benefit of this program. UFPD Victim Advocate Naomi Phineas states “There are numerous services within our community that care deeply about the issue of domestic violence. All are collectively working towards providing a service to promote the wellbeing and safety of those who are experiencing domestic violence and this program is but one more example of those services.”

During this initiative, a collection box will be placed at the front desk of the UF Public Safety building located at 1555 Museum Rd (corner of Museum Rd & Newell Dr). The collection box will be available until the end of February.
For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Officer Wayne Clark at (352) 273-3304 or Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (# UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: wclark34@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at www.police.ufl.edu. You can also find more information about the Hopeline® from Verizon program at: http://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/hopeline

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