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Donated cell phones Help Domestic Violence Victims and Crime Prevention Unit

Broken Arrow, Okla. –Before throwing away your old cell phones, consider donating them to the Broken Arrow Police Department Crime Prevention unit. The donations will help victims of domestic violence and raise money for the crime prevention unit and domestic violence prevention programs.

The Broken Arrow Police Department hopes to tap into a portion of the estimated 30 million idle phones sitting in drawers and closets across the country.

With a donated phone, a domestic violence victim (or a potential victim) can call 911 in an emergency. Most cell phones are programmed to call 911, regardless of whether the user has purchased a service plan or not.

Phones can be dropped off **24 hours a day 7 days a week** at the Broken Arrow Police Department, **2302 south 1st place** in a designated container in the police department's lobby.

Crime Prevention Specialist Lisa Ford says “**this** program will help in many ways; it will help all victims of crimes, keep unwanted phones out of landfills and help the crime prevention unit with other programs that benefit the **whole community**”.

