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WPD, Local Churches To Host Faith-Based Seminars

Seven local churches and the YWCA of Wichita have joined with the Wichita Police Department to offer two sets of faith-based seminars on gang and domestic violence in November and December, it was announced today by Wichita Police Patrol North Bureau Commander Captain Felecia Norris.

“These seminars are a continuation of a community dialogue which first began in July of this year,” said Norris. “Now, however, there is an even stronger faith-based component with two additional churches and the Islamic Society of Wichita involved in the events.”

Norris said the seminars will help the community better understand the dynamics that lead to gang and domestic violence, and give citizens a clearer understanding of what they can do to curb domestic violence and gang activity.

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“We’re also excited more churches have joined this initiative,” Norris said. “And, to have the Islamic Society of Wichita involved greatly broadens the community’s inter-faith perspective.”

WPD Gang and Felony Assault Section Commander Lt. Jeff Easter will present the seminar on gangs at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11 at the Harvest Community Church, 8340 W. 21st Street North. He will repeat the seminar at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 1525 N. Lorraine.

Captain Norris and Cheryl Webb with the YWCA will present the seminar on domestic violence. That seminar will begin at 5:00 p.m. on November 11 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1817 N. Volutsia. Norris and Webb will repeat the seminar at 5:00 p.m. on December 9 at the Harvest Community Church.

“This is an opportunity for citizens to gain a better understanding of these two important issues that effect the entire community,” said Norris. “Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at all events.”

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