WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?
Domestic violence or intimate partner violence is about one person controlling another by using violence, threats, or other forms of abuse to harm and instill fear in the victim.

There are many ways that someone can try to control and dominate his or her partner:
by physically attacking his/her partner,
by threatening to harm the victim, him or herself, the children, or family pets,
by controlling who the victim can see, visit, or work with,
by controlling finances and money,
by making the victim feel afraid, ashamed, and humiliated.

BE A HERO!
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
DIAL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY.

- Every nine seconds, a woman is a victim of domestic violence.
- Women who are able to reach out to domestic violence centers are more likely to get the help they need.
- Domestic violence can happen in all cultural, ethnic, and racial groups.
- Domestic violence can happen in same-sex relationships.
- Men can also be victims of domestic violence.

Local Domestic Violence Resources
Dial 911 in an emergency
Tallahassee Police Department
850.891.4200
Leon County Sheriff’s Department
850.922.3300
Refuge House
850.681.2111 – 24 hour hotline
www.refugehouse.com

To Learn More About Domestic Violence
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
800.500.1119
www.fcadv.org
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
888.956.RAPE (7273)
www.fcasv.org