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#### News Release

## Westport Police Department to Promote Breast Cancer Awareness in October

(Westport, CT – September 29, 2021) – October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a chance to promote education as well as raise awareness about the importance of prevention and early detection of the disease. As in years past, the Westport Police Department is proud to stand with the courageous women and men who battled or are currently battling this disease.

Unfortunately, breast cancer is all too pervasive in our society. According to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, 281,550 women and 2,650 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021. Furthermore, 43,600 women will die because of breast cancer this year. Despite these startling numbers, a healthy lifestyle, regular check-ups, and of course education can reduce one's risk of developing and possibly dying from breast cancer.

Chief Foti Koskinas said that Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a very important time for the police department as most officers have had to watch a family member or friend battle this disease. He went on to state that "As I say every year, we can all make a difference in this fight. Ask someone you love to get a mammogram, and encourage your family, friends, community and local organizations to spread the word."

To show our support and to promote breast cancer awareness education, the color of the town seal on the police car doors will be changed from black and gold to pink. The department would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Fleet Auto Supply for donating these seals.

In further support of this initiative, many officers will be participating in the Pink Patch Project. For those unfamiliar with the Pink Patch Project, it is a program that centers on vibrant pink versions of the public safety employees' uniform patch. Officers will wear the pink patches on their regular duty uniforms for the entire month of October. Westport officers are also authorized to wear a pink ribbon pin on their duty uniform to show their support for this cause.

The first of many Breast Cancer Awareness Month events will be held tonight. Maserati of Westport will be hosting a launch party this evening (9/29/21) from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at their show room located at 1026 Post Road East in Westport. It is open to the public, so please come down to show your support.

Additional information about breast cancer and breast cancer screenings as well as a link for those wishing to donate to the cause may be found at the American Cancer Society's website: <a href="http://www.cancer.org/cancer/breastcancer/">http://www.cancer.org/cancer/breastcancer/</a>

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