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Tie a yellow ribbon on World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10

A countywide call to action to help promote suicide awareness and prevention.

Littleton, Colo. – Suicide is a serious public health issue that has claimed many lives in Arapahoe County.

In 2013, there were 106 suicides countywide and 60 so far this year, according to the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office. Of the 60 suicides, 49 were men and 11 were women and the majority of suicides were men between the ages of 30 – 49. The causes are complex and can have lasting harmful effects on you, your family, friends, co-workers and the community.

In an effort to raise awareness, Arapahoe County will kick off a campaign Sept. 8 to help prevent suicides, which coincides with National Suicide Prevention Week. During the week, Arapahoe County will observe World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10 by holding a yellow ribbon event at 11 a.m. in front the Administration building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton and CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora.

“Suicide is preventable,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson. “This campaign will increase awareness and we are also posting locally available resources on our website to make them easily accessible to our staff and citizens.”

Starting Sept. 8, Arapahoe County will provide information cards and wallet cards available in all county buildings with the National Suicide Hotline, local resources and information on mental health. There will be additional information and links available under County Resources at www.arapahoegov.com.

“We as a community need to know how to read the signs,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. “Military families especially have dealt with a lot of suicide related issues and we want to make sure they can get help too.”

The public and media are welcome to join Arapahoe County Commissioners, department directors, elected officials and county employees Sept. 10 as they tie dozens of yellow ribbons in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day.

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