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Morgantown High Teens Against Abuse Plan Trip to Charleston for Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Day in the Legislature

The group, in its first year, will travel to meet its Delegates at the end of the month.



L-R: Jourdin Lazzell, Hayley Stewart, PRO Officer Troy Ball, Libbi Molisee, Paige Stubna, Christine Arnold, Shannon Dickerson, Ryan Elliff, Jacklyn Lewis, Leah Davis.

MORGANTOWN – Ten local high school students are headed to Charleston next week after starting their own group to rally support against domestic violence and abuse.

According to PRO Officer Troy Ball, a young lady approached him and wanted to start an abuse awareness group at Morgantown High School. Jacklyn Lewis, a junior, was able to gather eight other junior girls and a sophomore boy to form the MHS Teens Against Abuse club.

The group will leave a day early to meet with the [West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) in Elkview, where they'll collaborate their efforts and prepare to meet with their delegates on Wednesday when they attend Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Day at the Legislature, February 1, 2012.

The students say they'll wear special colors for solidarity in their message: purple for domestic violence awareness, and teal for sexual assault and sexual violence awareness and support.

Ball himself is only in his first year as a PRO Officer at Morgantown High, but has attended the last three Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Days. He plans to show support for a related Senate Bill while he is there.

The ten high schoolers, Ball, and two chaperones are able to go thanks to the support of the [Morgantown Police Department](#), [Morgantown High School](#), [RDVIC](#) (Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center) and the generosity of Clear Mountain Bank and others.

You can contact PRO Officer Troy Ball by cell at 304-216-8204.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Communications Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The number there is (304) 284-7426.

