



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Troy City Council
FROM: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
DATE: October 15, 2014
SUBJECT: Susan M. Lancaster Domestic Violence Hero Award Recipient

The Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence (OCCCADV) has presented Assistant City Attorney Sue Lancaster with the 2014 Domestic Violence Hero Award, which was presented on October 8, 2014.

The OCCCADV was formed in 1994 in order to develop and sustain a coordinated, broad based community response to domestic violence. Members include judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, legislators and other government officials, social security providers, educators, health care providers, clergy members, business people, and other concerned members of the community. The OCCCADV sponsors projects concentrated in education, systems coordination, public awareness and collaboration.

Sue was nominated by Troy Police Detective Kristine Shuler and Alysa Bockhart, who was a victim of domestic violence. The City Attorney's Office, including Legal Assistants Jackie Bault and Kathy Bobick, spent a lot of time providing assurances, information and resources to the victim, and Sue successfully prosecuted the assault and battery case against Ms. Bockhart's boyfriend. Through these discussions, the victim revealed that she was not the defendant's first victim, but the others were fearful to prosecute. Sue contacted each of the other victims, and encouraged them to come in and testify. Based upon the cooperation from all three victims, the defendant boyfriend ultimately pled guilty to assault and battery. Detective Shuler thoroughly investigated this matter, and was very helpful in preparing this difficult case for jury trial.

