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Press Release

DA Morrissey and NAC present “Responding to School-Based Violence”

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Norfolk Advocates for Children & Michael W. Morrissey
Norfolk District Attorney
are pleased to present

Responding to School-Based Violence



Thursday, March 28, 2013
8:30am -3:00pm

BANK OF CANTON
490 Turnpike Street | Canton, MA

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More than 75 Police Officers, school officials and social service providers attended the “Responding to School-Based Violence” conference hosted by Norfolk DA Michael Morrissey and Norfolk Advocates for Children.

Sessions addressed complex issues including the developmental impact on children who experience bullying, harassment, dating violence and other trauma. Information was also provided on specific strategies for responding to those events at different age levels. Other presentations detailed the services that the non-profit NAC offers to area communities, including training on Massachusetts laws governing the mandated reporter statute, teen dating violence, bullying, cyber-bullying and other issues that threaten the well-being of children.

“Norfolk Advocates for Children is a public-private partnership of more than 50 agencies – including all 27 Norfolk County police departments, hospitals, state agencies, and private health professionals – with the shared goal of helping children who have been abused and helping prevent future abuse,” District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. “Today’s seminars were an important part of the work we do, and I am very pleased to see such strong participation.”

Most Norfolk County communities were represented by some combination of police detectives, school resource officers, school guidance or adjustment counselors or administrators at the half-day event, which was held March 28 in conference space donated by the Bank of Canton. The project is supported by a federal grant from the US Department of Justice Programs.