

DILLON COUNTY SHERIFF

EXPANDING/ENHANCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING EFFORTS

Would you support efforts to enhance/expand methods for reporting in South Carolina?

YES

Phillip Davis, Independence

NO RESPONSE

Tracy Pelt, Republican

Douglas "Humbunny" Pernel, Democratic

"In order for Domestic Violence incidents to be properly addressed, officers should be trained to complete a report and a welfare check on all calls, even if a call is cancelled before law enforcement arrives. A welfare check increases the likelihood that a potential victim is properly assessed for injury. By creating the report, law enforcement establishes a record that may indicate there is a recurring problem with persons at the same address. Therefore, establishing a pattern of potential abuse." – P. Davis

SUPPORT FOR GOING BEYOND CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

Would you support the creation of a statewide plan to effectively address the issues of domestic and sexual violence beyond the criminal justice response?

YES

Phillip Davis, Independence

NO RESPONSE

Tracy Pelt, Republican

Douglas "Humbunny" Pernel, Democratic

"Domestic violence is not always just physical, it is oftentimes emotional and mental abuse. This type of abuse over extended periods of time can result in generations of abuse that are learned and passed down to children raised in such environments. This is the same for sexual abuse as well as research indicates victims of sexual abuse repeat this behavior as youth and adults. These learned patterns of behavior can be best addressed by a collective statewide and even national approach." – P. Davis

INCREASED FOCUS ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Do you believe our state needs to increase its focus on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence?

YES

Phillip Davis, Independence

NO RESPONSE

Tracy Pelt, Republican

Douglas "Humbunny" Pernel, Democratic

"This should include a targeted approach for both the victim and the abuser. First, you must identify the problem and address it. Most of the time, law enforcement just locks someone up and when they get out, they return to their same environment and continue their abusive ways. Officers should be trained to better recognize the signs and indicators of abuse. Proper counseling and intervention should be initiated for both the abused and the abuser." – P. Davis

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**DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY
QUESTIONNAIRE**



DILLON COUNTY SHERIFF

SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Would you support additional state funding be allocated to victim service providers?

YES

Phillip Davis, Independence

NO RESPONSE

Tracy Pelt, Republican

Douglas “Humbunny” Pernell, Democratic

Do you believe additional federal funding should be allocated to victim service providers?

YES

Phillip Davis, Independence

NO RESPONSE

Tracy Pelt, Republican

Douglas “Humbunny” Pernell, Democratic

“The most cost effective way is to address the problem from a social interventional perspective. Incarcerating those who abuse is not the answer in all cases. While more serious offenses should result in jail time, those who are committing such violence of a less serious nature for the first time should be placed in diversionary programs that help teach them how to cope with rage, anger, stress, and any environmental or mental stimulus that causes their actions. Recurring violent behaviors must result in more progressive methods of intervention to include in-patient counseling that deals specifically with that individual’s trigger points.” – P. Davis