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The 911 Cell Phone Bank Works With the Las Vegas Metro Police Department to Save Lives

An emergency phone provided to the Las Vegas Metro Police Department by the 911 Cell Phone Bank saves the life of a local woman.

Ocala, FL – September 2, 2009 – The 911 Cell Phone Bank has recently received notification from the Las Vegas Metro Police Department that an emergency phone provided to a domestic abuse victim was used to save her life. The LVMPD has been a partner of the 911 Cell Phone Bank and receiving emergency phones since 2007. Lieutenant Raymond Steiber had this to say about the partnership, "The vision of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is to make our city the safest in the nation. Our partnership with the 911 Cell Phone Bank provides a significant tool in accomplishing this by assisting high risk victims."

This latest success story was provided by Elyne Greene, the Victims Services Supervisor with the LVMPD. Ms. Greene came in contact with a high risk victim of domestic abuse, whose abuser was recently released from prison. The victim was extremely worried because the abuser had grown adept at avoiding law enforcement and was bold enough to ignore service of protection orders. Ms. Greene provided this victim with an emergency phone from the 911 Cell Phone Bank.

The same night the victim received the emergency phone, her abuser returned to her residence. Before forcing his way in her house, he cut her landline telephone lines to prevent her from calling for help. As he entered the house, the victim grabbed her emergency phone, locked herself in her bedroom, and contacted the authorities who were able to apprehend the intruder.

"This instance shows the true value of our program," said James Mosieur, the Director of the 911 Cell Phone Bank. This non-profit was created in 2004 and has provided over 80,000 emergency phones to law enforcement agencies since then. Mosieur added, "Some people are skeptical or concerned that the phones we provide only dial 911. I think stories like this show that these phones have the ability to save lives."

Businesses or individuals who wish to donate cell phones to the 911 Cell Phone Bank can visit www.911CellPhoneBank.org.

About the 911 Cell Phone Bank The 911 Cell Phone Bank is an initiative of The RMS Foundation, a 501(c)3 public charity. Through partnerships with local law enforcement agencies nationwide the 911 Cell Phone provides an ongoing and readily available source of emergency cell phones to meet the needs of communities across the country. More than 2,000 emergency cell phones are distributed each month through law enforcement and other agencies for emergency communication.