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## PCADV to honor Williamsport police officer Jason Bolt with Central PA Excellence in Male Leadership award

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (June 8, 2017)** --- The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence will present Williamsport detective Jason Bolt with the Central PA 2017 Excellence in Male Leadership award before the Sunday, June 11 Harrisburg Senators game at FNB Field as part of its Father's Day Pledge to End Gender Violence.

The award is given annually to a male community leader who demonstrates healthy masculinity, promotes healthy relationships, serves as a positive mentor to boys and young men, and is an ally to those working as advocates against domestic violence or sexual assault. Awards are distributed in the western, eastern, and central regions.

Agent Bolt, the father of two young boys, served for nine years as a school resource officer in the Williamsport Area School District where he was a role model for students and a positive male influence in the community.

Most recently, Agent Bolt spoke as a panelist on the topics of masculinity, stereotypes, and sexual violence on a community forum held by the Williamsport domestic violence shelter and support center <u>Wise Options</u> to raise awareness for April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Agent Bolt's leadership qualities and actions both as a law enforcement member and father demonstrate how deserving he is of this award," said Greg Conrad, Senior Vice President and Regional Banking Executive at F.N.B. Corporation, a sponsor of the Father's Day Pledge. "We hope that people across Pennsylvania will sign the Father's Day Pledge and join our efforts to create stronger, safer communities for everyone."

PCADV and community leaders will honor Agent Bolt at a ceremony before the Senators game at 3:30 p.m. against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Agent Bolt will also throw out the first pitch.

The Father's Day Pledge celebrates fathers as role models and calls on men to take a stand against domestic violence and sexual assault. Since 2013, thousands of men and women across Pennsylvania have pledged to end gender violence.

PCADV encourages men to visit <u>www.pasaysnomore.com</u> site to sign the Father's Day Pledge, or follow the campaign on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/pcadvorg</u> or Twitter at @PCADVorg.

## **About PCADV**

Founded in 1976, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the oldest statewide domestic violence coalition in the nation. Each year it provides free and confidential services to nearly 90,000 victims of domestic violence, through a network of 60 community-based programs serving all 67 counties in the commonwealth. PCADV also promotes public awareness of domestic violence-related issues through its PA SAYS NO MORE campaign, which it operates in partnership with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. For more information visit, pcadv.org and pasaysnomore.com.