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Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks Joins Franklin County's Rape Aggression Defense System Training Course (2460 Jackson Pike, Columbus, OH 43223)

On February 14th, Commissioner Brooks will participate in the Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.) course provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's office. The R.A.D. course is a free 12 hour comprehensive female-only course with a focus on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance. The course will meet the needs of women to acquire self-defense education in a relatively short period of time. <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/rape-aggression-defense-system.cfm>

"It's imperative that women be prepared to protect themselves and their families," said Commissioner Brooks. "I am proud that Franklin County offers this course on rape defense. I would like to see every woman in Franklin County learn about preventing sexual assault".

According to the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence:

- Each rape in the U.S. costs approximately \$151,423.
- Rape is the most costly of all crimes in the U.S., followed by assault, murder, and drunk driving, including fatalities.
- Sexual violence survivors have a lifetime income loss estimated at \$241,600.
- Health care costs are 36% higher for women who were physically and sexually abused as children.
- Approximately 743,000 Ohio adult women are survivors of rape.

<http://www.oaesv.org/>

Commissioner Brooks began her career tackling these and other issues as Director of the Women's Law Project and Special Assistant to the Ohio Attorney General. Further details can be found at:
<http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/paula-brooks.cfm>

WHAT: Rape Aggression Defense System Course

WHO: Commissioner Paula Brooks

WHERE: Franklin County Correction Center II Training Academy, 2460 Jackson Pike, Columbus, OH 43223

WHEN: Saturday, February 14th, 2015; 9:30 AM

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