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# Men and boys across Cape Cod join to take the pledge

## White Ribbon gathering is March 3 in Yarmouth

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Members of the Yarmouth Police Department signed the White Ribbon pledge. Yarmouth Police Department photo.

On Thursday, March 3 from 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cape Cod men and boys are encouraged to join representatives of **Independence House**, the Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office and the Yarmouth Police Department for a Massachusetts White Ribbon Day gathering at the Cape Cod Irish Village in South Yarmouth.

**White Ribbon Day** is a men's initiative project of **Jane Doe, Inc.** On White Ribbon Day--now in its 9th year--men and boys take a pledge to be part of the solution to ending violence against women. Pledge takers will receive a white ribbon to wear in honor of their commitment.

Speakers at the Cape Cod event include Yarmouth Deputy Police Chief Steven Xiarhos, Judge Joseph Reardon, Barnstable County Sheriff James Cummings, Cape and Island's District Attorney Michael O'Keefe, State Representative Brian Mannal, State Representative Tim Whelan and Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) students from Barnstable High School, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School and Falmouth High School.

The pledge reads, "From this day forward, I promise to be a part of the solution in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence."

Governor Charlie Baker is the 2016 Campaign Honorary Chairperson for this year's Massachusetts White Ribbon Day. The **Ambassador list** is long and includes political leaders, business men, educators, sports

figures, community members and law enforcement officers. Local ambassadors include Yarmouth Deputy Police Chief Steven Xiarhos, Yarmouth Police Sergeant Kal Boghdan, Congressman Bill Delahunt and Congressman Bill Keating.

The Men's Initiative for Jane Doe, Inc. was established 16 years ago to encourage men and boys to get involved in the fight against violence against women through prevention and education. White Ribbon Day is held the first Thursday in March in honor of Women's History Month and to recognize International Women's Day (March 8).

Men and boys who cannot make it to the pledge at Cape Cod Irish Village, are encouraged to become part of the mission and sign the official pledge online [here](#).

**Cape Cod Irish Village** is at 822 Route 28 in South Yarmouth. This is the fourth year Yarmouth police and the Cape Cod Irish Village are hosting the event. A statewide event will be held at the State House in Boston at 1 p.m. on March 3. Both Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito will attend the event in the Gardner Auditorium.

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