

Judge Burnette Advocates for Abuse Victims



Judge Caroline Burnette and Kittrell Community Watch President Edward Woodlief

Judge Caroline Burnette, of the 9th Judicial District, spoke on domestic violence and abuse at the last Kittrell Community Watch meeting. Burnette became an advocate for abuse victims after her best friend in high school became a victim of domestic violence. She said abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, and mental. She emphasized that, under a new state law passed in 2015, everyone became a mandatory reporter for abuse and neglect of children. She said abuse should be reported to Social Services, police, or 911. Burnette said the Vance County shelter for abused women is now closed but other resources are still available.

After a question and answer session, Community Watch President Edward Woodlief announced the next meeting will be on May 18 at 6 p.m. The latest Community Watch information is always available at [HTTP://KittrellCommunityWatch.com](http://KittrellCommunityWatch.com) .