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Volunteer Victim Assistance Training

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office announces the 2008 Volunteer Victim Assistance Training Academy.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program provides 24-hours a day, 7-days a week crisis response to crime victims and other individuals involved in traumatic events or persons in need. Volunteers are trained to provide crisis intervention and short-term support. Additionally, we provide support information, and information regarding victim's compensation, crime prevention and case status information.

Training for volunteer victim advocates will take place on Saturday beginning in February and continuing through April. The training program is approximately 50 hours over 10 Saturdays. Following the initial training we have monthly training/meetings held the first Monday of each month. Advocates sign up for 2 days a month for either a weekday 12-hour shift or weekend 24-hour shift. Call 720-874-4190 or 720-874-3940 for an application and to learn more specifics of this exciting and fulfilling program.

Applicants will be required to submit to a background investigation including a polygraph examination and fingerprint clearance.

For further information contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Kathleen Beebe at 720.874.4190.

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