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Volunteer Victim Assistance Training

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office announces the 2009 Fall 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 information on referrals, victim rights, victim compensation, and case status.

Training for volunteer victim advocates will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning in late August and continues through November. The training program is approximately 50 hours over 10 weeks. Following the initial training we have monthly training/meetings held the first Monday evening of each month. Advocates sign up for on-call shifts two days a month for either a weeknight 12-hour shift or weekend 24-hour shift. To request an application packet please call 720-874-4038 or 720-874-4190.

Applicants will be required to submit to a background investigation including an integrity interview, polygraph examination and fingerprint clearance. Successful applicants must attend all academy trainings.

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

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