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MEDIA RELEASE

Volunteer Victim Assistance Training

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

Training for volunteer victim advocates will take place on Saturday's beginning in January 2009, and continue through April 2009. The training program is approximately 50 hours spread over 10 Saturdays. Following the initial training, we have monthly training/meetings held the first Monday evening of each month. Advocates sign up for two days a month for either a weekday night 12-hour shift or weekend 24-hour shift. To request an application packet 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 please contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Kathleen Beebe, at 720.874.4190.

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