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Volunteer Victim Assistance Training

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program announces the 2013 Spring Volunteer Victim Assistance Training Academy.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program provides 24-hours a day, 7-days per week crisis response to crime victims and other individuals involved in traumatic events, or other persons in need. Volunteers are trained to provide crisis intervention and short-term support to victims of crime and people impacted by a traumatic event. Additionally, information is provided on victim rights, victim compensation, as well as referrals to community service agencies.

Training for volunteer victim advocates will begin in April and run through June, 2013. The training program duration is approximately 50 hours, over 10 weeks. Following the initial training, advocates will be required to attend monthly training/meetings held the first Monday evening of each month. Advocates will be responsible to sign up for two on-call shifts each month. For additional information about the program call (720) 874-4190. To request an application, call the Human Resources Section at the Sheriff's Office, (720) 874-4118.

Applicants will be required to submit to a background investigation including an integrity interview and polygraph examination. Successful applicants must attend all academy trainings. The deadline for requesting an application will be April 5, 2013.

For further information, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Kathleen Beebe at (720) 874-4190.

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