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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ACSO Seeks Candidates for Volunteer Victim Assistance Program**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our Volunteer Victim Assistance Program and attend the Volunteer Victim Assistance Training Academy this spring. The *Volunteer Victim Advocate 2017* application is available at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/arapahoe/default.cfm>. The deadline for completing the application is Friday, Dec. 9, 2016.

Academy training for volunteer victim advocates will begin in early spring. Training is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and lasts seven to eight weeks. Following the initial training, volunteer victim advocates must commit to two on-call shifts each month and attend monthly training and meetings held on the first Monday of each month.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program provides crisis response to crime victims and other individuals involved in traumatic events, or other persons in need. Program volunteers are trained to provide crisis intervention and short-term support. They provide around-the-clock coverage every day of the year and are a valuable resource to deputies and other first responders.

Applicants are required to submit to a background investigation, which includes a polygraph examination. Successful applicants must attend all academy trainings.

For additional information about the program, please contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Renee Grengs at 720-874-3940.

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