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### **ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES CRIME VICTIM SERVICES AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION**

On March 11, 2014, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) selected the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office as the 2014 recipient of NSA's *Crime Victim Services Award*. The NSA recognizes that victims of crime have unique needs and that appropriate assistance to victims should be provided by law enforcement as early as possible in the response process. With this award, the NSA annually recognizes a sheriff's office that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in support of victims of crime by assessing innovative and unique accomplishments made by the agency; how the agency's victim services and/or programs have impacted the local citizenry; and how actions of the agency have influenced the policies, practices and attitudes toward crime victims by its other partner organizations in the community.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program currently has 3 full-time staff members, and approximately 30 volunteers, serving a population of over 175,000 residents in both urban and rural communities. In 2013, the program provided direct services to over 3,000 victims and persons in need in these communities. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has a very high standard of service to victims, wherein an attempt is made to contact every victim for follow-up by a staff member, regardless of whether a volunteer has responded to provide immediate crisis intervention. Additionally, the program provides back-up and agency assists for police departments in several cities within the county.

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The Victim Assistance Program is available for response 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The dedicated members of this unit ensure that victims are aware of their rights and are provided appropriate resources and referrals to aid in their recovery. Victim Assistance Program members provide a sense of security and assistance to victims while maintaining quality services with an unparalleled dedication to their mission.

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