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Travis County Sheriff’s Victim Services Unit Seeks Volunteers

The Victim Services Division of the Travis County Sheriff’s Office is currently involved in a recruiting effort to recruit volunteers to participate in our crime scene response program. In order to provide services to victims in a fast and efficient manner we need to increase our volunteer base.

The Sheriff’s Office has a very strong, and long-standing, commitment to victims of crime and strives to provide information, referrals and resources to begin the journey of healing. We need people who are interested in helping their community by working alongside Sheriff’s Deputies to provide healing support to victims when they need it most, at the crime scene.

Volunteers must complete training that will give them all the information needed to help their neighbors in their time of need. Training will begin October 29th and will continue until November 10th. Training will be held two nights a week from 6:00pm to 9:00pm as well as two Saturdays from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Volunteers must also be 21 years of age, have a clean criminal history, and willing to commit one year to the Victim Services Program.

To receive a volunteer packet, please contact our office at 854-9709.

NOTE: The contact person for this release is Sonya E. Villarreal at 854-4353.

***Thought: How many times have you heard of a tragedy striking your neighborhood, family or friends and said to yourself, “I wish there was something I could do?” Now there is at the time needed most AT THE CRIME SCENE.***

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