### We Provide:

- Emergency Assistance to victims immediately following a crime
- Services for special needs of all victims, including child victims, seniors, and non-english speaking victims
- Referrals to other supporting agencies and private service providers
- Information about Victim Compensation
- Case status information and transition to the court system
- Help in getting property back to victims
- Protection and education of victim rights
- Information and assistance with the VINE notification system

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We would like to invite you to join an exciting, dedicated group of community members who serve Weld County in an essential way. We will provide the training you need and help you to decide if this is the right volunteer opportunity for you.



We want you to join our VA team!

# Weld County Sheriff's Office



Taking Time for Victims of Crime

Victim Assistance Volunteer Program

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Dear Citizens of Weld County,

Here at the Weld County Sheriff's Office, we are dedicated to the needs or our community and work hard each and every day to serve and protect Weld County citizens.

Unfortunately, the impact of crime can have far reaching effects. We are proud to collaborate with caring citizens who volunteer their time as an important part of the team within our Victim Services Unit. Throughout my career, I have been truly inspired by the people who give of themselves to impact the lives of others. It is my goal to continue to work in partnership with such dedicated individuals to create the support services necessary for victims to begin to recover from what may be the most traumatic experience of their lives. Than you for considering becoming such an important part of our team here at the Weld County Sheriff's Office and I look forward to working alonside you in the near future.

-Sheriff Steve Reams

#### Victim Assistance Unit

The Victim Assistance Program is a specialized unit of the Weld County Sheriff's Office working together closely with the Investigations Unit and the Patrol Division. The program responds to victims of crime, family survivors in cases of sudden or violent death, and delivers many of the death notifications in Weld County in cooperation with the Weld County Coroner's Office. Deputies contact the Victim Assistance Unit in many situations when a victim needs caretaking, information, or referrals.

#### **Crisis Intervention**

A Victim Advocate is available 24 hgours a day, 7 days a week, to assist victims of crime and their families. Victims of specific crimes have rights to request and utilize these services. If immediate assistance is not needed, Victim Advocates are in the office on regular workdays. The advocates provide short-term crisis intervention to victims. These advocates include full time staff as well as dedicated community volunteers that are trained in addressing the needs of those touched by crime and crisis in our community.

Be a Volunteer!
Fill Out An Application Here!
weldsheriff.com/Services/
Victim-Services-Unit
(970) 400-2878

## Can I Join This Program?

Volunteer staff members work directly with Sheriff's deputies and investigators as well as other law enforcement agencies in Weld County. This position requires reliability, integrity, discretion, and commitment. Because we are looking for a select and elite group of volunteers, the following criteria must be met:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Complete application process, which includes an integrity interview, criminal history investigation, and polygraph examination
- Attend 40 hours of initial training
- Attend one evening meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Be on call by phone three days per month
- Have reliable transportation
- Make a one year commitment
- Be able to cope with emotional and stressful situations

Contact Victim Services
Today With Any
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