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Glendale Police Seek Victim Assistance Volunteers

Glendale, Ariz. – For those interested in making a difference in their community, the Glendale Police Department is currently seeking volunteers to assist in the Victim Assistance Unit. The current opportunities available are:

- 1) Weekend Jail Court (minimum 3 hour commitment)
 - Assist with Initial Appearance (IA) Court Hearings on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Attend court on behalf of the victim and provide input to the Judge.
 - Provide education on the criminal justice system and refer to community follow up services to assist in the healing process
 - Shift starts at 7:15am to prepare court paperwork; court starts at 8am.
 - Weekday shifts are available by request.

- 2) Glendale Family Advocacy Center (Monday - Friday 8am – 5pm)
 - Assist with care and supervision of child victims in the playroom while they are pending a forensic interview.
 - Coverage of the front desk answering the incoming phone lines; assessing caller needs; and directing callers to the appropriate department and/or community resource.

- Assist with completion of administrative tasks and/ or projects which may include sorting mail, addressing envelopes, preparing letters, and/or filing resource materials.
- Arrange and coordinate supplies needed at Center (kits, toys, snacks, brochures).
- Assist Victim Assistance Caseworker on scene or during investigations as needed.

3) Special Projects

- 911 cell phone; clothing, or toy donation drives
- Community outreach and education via community events

Those wishing to volunteer must be at least 18 years old and because they will have direct interaction with crime victims, must complete an extensive background process.

Interested applicants should contact the Victim's Assistance Unit of the Glendale Police Department by phone at 623-930-3030 or via email at pdva@glendaleaz.com.

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