



We are all concerned about the health and safety of those who are close to us. We never want our friends and family to be victims of crime, but it is important to know that there will be someone there to help if that unfortunate circumstance were to occur.

The City of Glendale Police Department created a Victim Assistance Program to empower those who are victims of crime by helping them regain stability in their lives and assisting them in exerting their rights. Our Police Department also sees victim involvement as critical to fair and efficient administration of justice.

The City of Glendale Police Department first developed a Victim Assistance Program in 1975 making it one of the oldest in the country. Since that time the program has been used as a model for others and has won numerous awards.

Although the Victim Assistance Program is administered by six full-time staff, much of the work is done by volunteers who want to give back to their community and lend a helping hand. Volunteers serve victims of crime through providing crisis services, educating them on their victim rights and initiating referrals for ongoing assistance.

The Glendale Victim Assistance Program is constantly seeking individuals who would like to help. Volunteers are expected to provide just a minimum of four hours of service per month; but, of course, more hours are greatly appreciated. Upon acceptance into the program, volunteers attend an in-depth training.

For more information about the application and screening process, please contact Sandra Muñoz, Victim Assistance Volunteer Coordinator, by e-mail smunoz@glendaleaz.com or by phone 623-930-3723.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.