

I'M INTERESTED IN BEING A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Have you ever been arrested or
convicted of any offense other than
a traffic violation?

Yes No

Mail completed form to:

Reno Police Department
Volunteer Victim Advocate Program
Attn: Eunice Peterson
P.O. Box 1900
Reno, NV 89505

You will be contacted by the Volunteer
Coordinator.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested in becoming a volunteer?
Call (775) 657-4519

Mail, fax or deliver the
completed Volunteer form to:

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Volunteer Victim Advocate Program
Attn: Eunice Peterson
P.O. Box 1900
Reno, NV 89505

Fax attention to:
Eunice Peterson
Fax (775) 334-2157

Or deliver to:
Reno Police Department
455 E. Second Street

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Volunteer Victim Advocate Program



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Chief Michael Poehlman

VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE

WHY BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- To provide an invaluable source of support, resources, information, and guidance to victims of crime and their children.
- To better understand the dynamics of intimate partner violence.
- To act as a critical resource to RPD detectives and officers in assisting victims.
- To gain knowledge of the RPD operations, and the criminal and civil justice systems.
- To touch the lives of your neighbors in crisis, while at the same time growing and learning as individuals.

WHO ARE WE?

The Victim Services Unit provides services to victims and survivors of all ages, and backgrounds, which have been touched by homicide, sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, robbery, elder abuse, child abuse, drunk/drug driving, economic exploitation, hate crimes and other devastating crimes. The Volunteer Victim Advocate Program was developed to respond to the high volume of Intimate Partner Violence Cases. Volunteers work specifically with this crime category.

VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATES WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN:

Methods of working with people in crisis situations

- Community Resources
- Safety Planning
- Domestic Violence
- Stalking
- Protection Orders
- Sexual Violence
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Ethics and Boundaries
- Interviewing and Assessments
- And more...

Interested individuals are invited to complete and return the form on the reverse side of this brochure. You may deliver, fax, or mail your application to the Reno Police Department.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 18 years of age or older
- Good moral character
- No felony convictions
- Current U.S. citizen or possess a permanent resident card or an alien registration receipt card
- Pass a police background check and criminal history
- Have a valid Nevada Driver's License

Because volunteers will be working in a police department, reference checks and a criminal history background check will be conducted.

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a 45-hr. training course
- Shadow a staff advocate and work on cases a minimum of (12) hours
- Complete a 7-hr. police ride along
- Make a one-year commitment
- Volunteer a minimum of 10 hrs. per month
- Attend 8 hrs., ongoing in-service training annually