# I want to volunteer!

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth//	
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Where did you get this brochure:

Best phone to reach me:

Email:

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any offense other than a traffic violation? (if yes, please explain)

□ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

🗌 No

\*Note, this is only an <u>interest card</u>. You will receive an application once this form is received.

Send completed form via

Email- HLADEP@RENO.GOV

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Mail-Attn: Volunteer Coordinator P.O. Box 1900 Reno, NV 89505

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# Volunteer Victim Advocate Program



#### Requirements

- Complete 40 hour training course
- Complete police ride-along
- One year commitment
- Volunteer a minimum of three shifts per month
- Attend monthly in-service
  trainings
- Must have a smartphone

# **Opportunities**

- Phone advocacy
- Outreach
- Student Intern
- On-site volunteer

#### Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older
- No felony convictions
- Current U.S. citizen or possess a permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card
- Pass a police background check and criminal history

Preferred: Background in Human Services, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Psychology, or closely related field.



## **Training Includes**

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

" I'm so glad I could be there for someone who feels like they're alone and powerless. Helping others is why I volunteer. "

-past volunteer

### Why Volunteer?

- To provide 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 who have been touched by homicide, sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking, robbery, elder abuse, child abuse, intoxicated 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.