



Volunteer Opportunity

The District Attorney for El Paso and Teller Counties has a volunteer opportunity for a:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAST TRACK ADVOCATE

The Domestic Violence Fast Track Advocate, under the direction of the Victim Witness Program Manager and the Fast Track Supervisor, will call victims and accurately record their response to questions asked pertaining to the domestic violence incident. The ideal candidate will be able to show empathy and understanding for the feelings expressed by the victim. The Fast Track Victim Advocate will provide information regarding all communication with victims to the Fast Track Supervisor. The Fast Track Advocate will accompany other volunteers and the Fast Track Supervisor to court each afternoon for Video Advisement and Pre-Trial Conference Hearing. Responsibilities include: answering victim questions about the court process, obtaining pertinent information from the victim regarding the domestic violence incident, report on case resolution, conduct victim follow-up, and inform victims of available community resources. The Domestic Violence Advocate cannot advise victims regarding the relationship they are in, or have been in, other than providing resources for the victim to make decisions.

Benefits of this position include:

- *Advancing the mission of the District Attorney's Office, making our community a safer place to live.*
- *Develop team building and communication skills*
- *Gaining valuable experience working in the criminal justice system, particularly in the area of social services and victimization.*
- *Learn basic report writing skills incorporating accurate, detailed, and descriptive language*

Requirements for this position include:

- *Commitment to a minimum of 8 hours per week for at least 6 months, be available on-call occasionally*
- *Longer commitment than 6 months preferred.*
- *Summer volunteers MUST be able to commit to 20-30 hours per week*
- *Under strict obligation to maintain confidentiality*
- *Ability to respond to graphic descriptions of violence and abuse with sensitivity, maturity and professionalism*
- *Must be at least 18 years of age and submit to and pass a criminal history background check*

We invite you to explore this and other exciting opportunities in the Victim Witness Division.

For more information or to submit your resume for consideration please contact:

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