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**VOLUNTEERS TRAINED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE HELP VICTIMS AT CRIME SCENES**

The El Paso County Attorney's Office will be among several local agencies training new volunteers of the El Paso Police Department's Victim Services Response Team (VSRT). The training is intended to give volunteers the knowledge necessary to fulfill victims' needs, and includes legal education on crime victims' protection and the protective order system.

Jesus Rodriguez, chief of the Family Violence Unit at the County Attorney's Office, explained that proper training of VSRT volunteers is crucial because it guarantees victims will get proper access to programs and services made available by the state and the courts.

"By thoroughly training victim's advocates, our office fulfills its mission of protecting the most vulnerable members of our society", Rodriguez said.

WHO: County Attorney's Office-Family Violence Unit

WHAT: VSRT Volunteers Training

WHEN: Tuesday August 1st, 2006 at 7:45 PM

WHERE: El Paso Police Headquarters

911 N. Raynor

News outlets interested in learning more about the El Paso Police Department's Victims Services Response Team need to contact Letty Trejo at 564-7368.

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For those interested members of the media, the El Paso Police Department has authorized photographers to record the training session and to follow a member of the VSRT to a crime scene (However there are certain restrictions, like not photographing the victims). For more information, you need to call Letty Trejo or the EPPD Public Information Officer Javier Sambrano at 564-7307.