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GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POLICY / PROCEDURE
PATROL

SUBJECT: VICTIM RESPONSE TEAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024

POLICY:
Patrol personnel are required to notify the Victim Response Team Coordinator when specific incidents occur during the scope of their duties and inform the Victim that a Victim Specialist will be contacting them.

PURPOSE:
To provide Garfield County Sheriff's Office Deputies with guidelines for making notifications of victim rights crimes to the Victim Response Team.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Victim Response Team Coordinator**: Full time Garfield County Sheriff's Office paid employee that manages the Victim Response Team Program.
- **Victim Specialist**: A full time Garfield County Sheriff's Office paid employee that provides victim services.
- **Victim Specialist Volunteer**: A trained volunteer who is supervised by the Response Team Coordinator.

METHODS:
The Victim Response Team Program is designed to minimize the trauma that is occurring to victims of crimes. The Victim Specialists can provide on scene assistance after Deputies have identified the victims. The Victim Specialists can provide assistance on any case, but priority is placed on cases that fall under the Victim's Rights Amendment (C.R.S. 24-4.1-301 through 304).

CRIMES COVERED:
Murder, Manslaughter and Criminally Negligent Homicide, Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Assault, Assault 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree, Menacing, Kidnapping, Sexual Assault and Unlawful Sexual Contact, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree Sexual Assault (as these law existed prior to July 1, 2000) Sexual Assault on a Child, on a child by one in a position of trust, on a client by a psychotherapist, Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification, Robbery, aggravated robbery, aggravated robbery of a controlled substance, Incest and Aggravated incest, Child Abuse, Sexual exploitation of children, Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles, Crime of Domestic Violence, Stalking, Bias-motivated crimes, Carless driving that results in the death of another person, failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in the death of another person, Retaliation against a witness, victim, judge, or juror, Intimidation and aggravated intimidation of a witness or victim, Tampering with a witness or victim, Indecent exposure, Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with a sexual assault, Trafficking in adult or child, First degree burglary, and Any attempt, conspiracy, solicitation or accessory of the above listed crimes, Child Prostitution, Soliciting for Child Prostitution, Procurement of a Child for Sexual Exploitation, Pimping of a Child, Inducement of Child Prostitution or Patronizing a Prostitute Child, Posting a Private Image for Harassment, Posting a Private Image for Pecuniary Gain.

Deputies shall notify the on-call Victim Specialist upon investigation of the above listed crimes.

In the event there are other crimes not listed or an incident that the Deputies feel that the use of a Victim Specialists would be beneficial to the Deputies or Victims, Deputies may contact the on-call Victim Specialist and advise them of the situation.

In any situation, the Deputies will ensure that the scene is safe before allowing the Victim Specialist on scene.