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**NEW BASTROP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING CLASS
BEGINS FEBRUARY 3RD- MAY 19TH 2011**

The Bastrop County Sheriff's Office is looking for new volunteers for its "Victim Assistance Team." The volunteers will attend a 16-week course beginning Thursday nights, February 3rd, 2011. Classes are held each Thursday night, and will cover a wide range of topics. The first 12 weeks' training is combined with the "Citizen Sheriff's Academy."

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Topics covered are: Class Orientation, Communications/9-1-1, Patrol Services, Criminal Investigations, Corrections/Jail, Special Operations/SWAT/Crisis Negotiation, Women in Law Enforcement, Civil Process, Victim Services, Crime Prevention, Animal Control, Agency Partnerships {Panel Discussion}, Administration, and Citizens Sheriff Academy Alumni & "Citizens On Patrol." The last four weeks of the training will consist of Crisis Intervention, Death Notification, Family Violence, Homicide/ Suicide Crime Victim's Compensation, Sexual Assault and VINE.

After completion of this volunteer training, you will have the opportunity to join the Bastrop County Victim Assistance Team. Victim Assistant Team volunteers are used for on scene crisis intervention and death notification. Applicants must submit to a criminal background check and make a year-long commitment. The program needs volunteers that have excellent communication skills and are able to handle stressful situations. Volunteers commit to being on-call a minimum of two 12 hour shifts per month and attend monthly a training meeting.

The classes will be held on Thursday nights at the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office, 200 Jackson Street and begin at 7:00 PM. If you would like to be a part of this class please contact Lisa Jackson, at the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office, 549-5038 or lisa.jackson@co.bastrop.tx.us Applications may be picked up at the office or sent to you via email.

Together, we can make a difference in Bastrop County!