



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS
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Texas SAVNS Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service

CREATING AWARENESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

TOLL FREE: 1-877-TX-4-VINE (1-877-894-8463)

1. Provide the Texas SAVNS Toll-Free Number

- To switchboard operators
- To 911 operators
- To dispatch operators
- To a recorded or automated jail or agency line

2. Distribute Texas SAVNS Materials

- Brochure: victim service agencies, courthouses, police precincts
- Posters: hospital ER's, urgent care centers, shelter houses, rape relief centers, libraries

3. Staff Training

- New employee orientation
- New officer training
- New advocate training

4. Follow Up With Victims

- To remind them to register
- To assist with registering
- Hold weekly/monthly orientation meetings on Texas SAVNS exclusively for crime victims

5. Include Texas SAVNS Number

- Government and emergency listings
- Victim service directories/brochures
- Community information and referral numbers
- Victim service hotlines
- Organization correspondence/police reports

6. Public Speaking Opportunities

- Civic groups and clubs
- Advocacy groups
- Task forces on domestic violence and other social issues
- Community service organizations

7. Special Events

- National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April
- Sexual Assault Prevention Month – April
- Child Abuse Prevention Month - April
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October
- Conferences, seminars

8. Media Events

- News conferences – host an event and invite media to attend
- Public Service Announcements – team with a public relations firm or advertising agency for free services
- Provide a feature story to the paper or to local talk shows
- Letter to the editor
- Crime headlines – opportunity to pro-actively approach media about SAVNS
- Community service project

9. Include Texas SAVNS Information

- Agency Web Site or your homepage
- Organization newsletters
- Interagency task force meetings