

**Mission Valley Regional Command
CAB Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Lt. I. Hernandez. All attendees rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest speaker – Ms. Maria Elena Rivera, Case Manager for Victim Services

- Goal to assist in any kind of crime – PowerPoint presentation.
- Overview – DART – Domestic Assistance Response Team
 - DART team consists of one officer and 5 case managers (and volunteers)
 - Provide crisis intervention and information about community resources
 - Assistance with death notifications
 - Inform victims of their rights, provide transportation to a safe place, provide moral support
 - Help victims apply for compensation/benefits administered through the Attorney General
 - Help victims apply for protective orders
- Compensation available to U.S. Citizens, Texas residents, cooperate with law enforcement and must file within three (3) years of the crime
- Who qualifies?
 - Physical/emotional harmed/death
 - Dependents of victim
 - Someone who assumes responsibility
- Crimes covered - Varies (long list; charges have to be made)
- Awards – may cover up to \$50,000
- Benefits may include loss of earnings, loss of support, counseling, funeral, relocation, medical, dental, child care, travel, clean up, property replacement (only covers bodily injury)
- AWARE device - Electronic notification system that Police rent out
 - Panic button – Central Command – loaned to victims up to 6 months
 - Eligibility for AWARE device – victims under high risk of violence
- Question/Answer format ensued to include hypothetical and real life concerns
- Presentation ended at 7:00 p.m.

Lt. Hernandez pointed out the plaques on the wall – entailed good deeds and notified everyone of the EPPD Awards Presentation on April 11, 2012 at the Chamizal National Memorial

Crime is down 15% at MVRCC

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Victor L. Montes, C.A.B. Co-chair
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