

News Release

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GALVESTON COUNTY PROMOTES FAIRNESS, DIGNITY, RESPECT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME DURING 2010 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

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During the week of April 18-24, the communities of **Galveston County** will join communities throughout the nation who will rally to honor and support victims of crime. With the theme, Crime Victim's Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect., 2010 National Crime Victim's Rights Week will recall the ideal that inspired the decades-long struggle of the victim's rights movement and challenge all Americans to honor victim's rights.

The Office for Victims of Crime will launch National Crime Victim's Rights week in Washington, DC, with its annual National Candlelight Observance Ceremony on April 15, and its Awards Ceremony, April 16, to honor extraordinary individuals and programs that provide services to victims of crime.

Galveston County will commemorate National Crime Victim's Rights Week with special events and programs from April 18 – 24. These Galveston County activities are listed below.

Sunday, April 18, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Ceremony at the Rankin L. Dewalt Criminal Justice Center (Texas City Police Department), 1801 9th Avenue North, Texas City, Texas. Several community speakers and crime victims will speak, including TCPD Chief Robert Burby and Jennifer Schuett. The Texas City Police Department Honor Guard will also be in attendance.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

Brick Laying Ceremony at the Dickinson Police Department, 4000 Liggio, Dickinson, Texas. Nelda Harles, Dickinson PD Chaplain and Crime Victim Liaison will coordinate the commemorative brick laying event. New bricks paying tribute to victims of crime will be unveiled. Commencement of the ceremony will begin at 10:00 and end at 12:00 noon. Police Chief Ron Morales, City Administrator Julie Johnston and Jennifer Schuett, will speak. Members of the Dickinson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will turn handkerchiefs collected from community groups and crime victims into a beautiful "No More Tears" quilt. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

5K Walk/Run – 61st and Seawall Boulevard in Galveston. The Walk will begin on 61st Street, travel east on Seawall Blvd. to 39th Street, then back west to 61st Street. Anyone wishing to volunteer are encouraged to appear early at 61st Street and Seawall Blvd., at least 8:00 am to assist with set-up and registration and handing out t-shirts.

Community members are encouraged to join in the week's activities and get involved in helping victims of crime. For additional information about National Crime Victim's Week and ideas on how to serve victims in your community, please contact Rachel Leal at (409) 770-5124, or Linda Telfah at (409) 770-6239 or Monica Montoya with Friendswood Police Department at 281-996-3349.