

Seth Williams recognizes that far too many victims and witnesses to crime are afraid to come forward, and afraid to go downtown to the DA's Office. As District Attorney, Seth Williams will go to them.

The District Attorney Response Team

A Victim Services Response for Every Community In Need

Mission Statement

The purpose of the District Attorney Response Team (DART) is to respond to particularly tragic crimes quickly and effectively. Too often witnesses, victims, and the community at large fear that the process of involvement in a case will create further victimization. This fear, often legitimate, nonetheless creates a barrier between the community affected by crime and the police investigating the occurrence. The District Attorney Response Team provides a separate and immediate resource to potentially intimidated parties. DART ultimately hopes to encourage witnesses and victims to come forward so that they will play an active role in our justice system.

How Does DART function in Your Community?

Each DART unit consists of a District Attorney Detective, a victim-witness advocate and a field person. The DART functions out of a vehicle equipped with the proper technology to record witness and victim interviews.

DART will arrive at the scene of the crime after the police and detectives have finished their investigation. The DART will counsel witnesses and victims on their legal rights; crime prevention techniques; and community resources. Additionally, DART will distribute the proper resources for grief counseling, sexual assault victim counseling, domestic abuse counseling, and other appropriate social services. The DART will speak with neighbors and advise them on the process of being a witness, and their rights as a victim or witness as a case goes through the justice system. They will collect additional information and conduct interviews that the police may have missed. The DART will provide a safe and confidential opportunity for victims, witness and community members to share information and become a part of the solution to violent crime.