



## Sexual Assault Services & Information Program

APRIL 2009

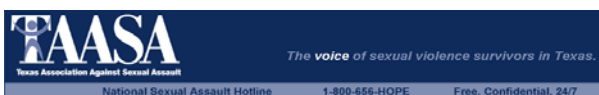
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Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Oscar Guerra, Alfredo Santos, County Judge Danny Valdez, Sandra Hernandez, Mayor Raul Salinas, America Garza and Sandra Jasso at the 2009 City Hall for Sexual Assault Presentation and Awareness Month

### APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Each April, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, and rape crisis centers across Texas commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month by working to increase knowledge about sexual assault and spreading the message of the importance of prevention.



### WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual Assault is any form of nonconsenting sexual activity, which encompasses all unwanted sexual acts ranging from fondling to penetration.

Sexual Assault is a crime even if the victim knew the attacker, did not fight back, had intercourse with the attacker before the assault, or was intoxicated, drugged or unconscious.

Nearly two (2) million adult Texans have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime, almost 13% of Texas residents.

Every two minutes, someone is sexually assaulted in the state of Texas.

The vast majority of rape victims—nearly 80% know the person who rapes them

An estimated 82% of all rapes go unreported.

Many Texans have only a surface understanding of what constitutes sexual assault.

### MAYOR RAUL SALINAS AND JUDGE DANNY VALDEZ PROCLAIM APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH.


In a ceremony held at City Hall April 1st. Mayor Raul Salinas, Webb County Judge Danny Valdez together with Local, State and Federal agency representatives proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month.



### 2009 SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE

For the second year SCAN's Sexual Assault Services and Information Program from SCAN joined forces with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault for the 2009 Sexual Assault Conference on April 2nd at the Holiday Inn.

Topics for the day long conference included: Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault, Acquaintance Rape, Female Offenders, Sexual Assault Myths and Facts and Ethics when working with survivors of Sexual Assault. Attendees included Webb County District Attorney Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz was well as law enforcement, social service agencies, mental health providers and educators. For more information you can contact Sandra Hernandez at 956-725-2522.



I Pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about sexual assault or any other kind of sexual violence.

I will treat those around me with dignity and respect, and take a stand for fair treatment for all.

I commit to doing my best to support those who experience sexual assault, not to blame them for being targeted for abuse, and to report sexual abuse to the proper authorities, so that everyone involved can get the help and support they need and deserve, as well as to help create a safe community for us all.

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A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you

### Did You Know?

*...in Texas,  
1 in 5 women and  
1 in 20 men are  
victims of sexual  
assault...*

*...most victims are  
sexually assaulted by  
someone they  
know...*

*...sexual assault is  
never the victim's  
fault...*

*...only about 20  
percent of rapes are  
ever reported to the  
police...*

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summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.



*The voice of sexual violence survivors in Texas.*

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