



# **FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM SERVICES UNIT**

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## **VICTIM SERVICES UNIT STAFF**

- 2 Employees: Supervisor and Advocate
- Educational Backgrounds: Psychology, Social Work
- Certification: Roper Victim Assistance Academy of MD
- Continuing Education: DV, HT, Sexual Assault, etc
- Expertise: Trauma, Crisis Response, Assessment



# WHICH VICTIMS RECEIVE SERVICES?

## Part 1 Crimes: Crimes Against Persons

- Assaults
- Child or Elder Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Homicide, Murder
- Human Trafficking
- Robbery
- Sex Offenses



# **OTHERS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES**

- Witnesses and Involved Others
- Children Present During Crime
- Representatives of Victims
- Victims of Drug OD: Fatal and Nonfatal
- Substance Abusers
- Untreated Mental Illness



# HOW DO WE CONTACT VICTIMS?

- Phone
- In Person
- At Crime Scene
- Letter, Email, Text
- Third Party



# **SERVICERS PROVIDED TO VICTIMS**

- Crisis Intervention
- Assessment of Needs
- Links to Resources to Meet Needs
- Safety Planning
- Information: Victim Rights, Crime Specific, CJS



# **SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS**

- Court accompaniment
- Vinelink Registration
- Liaison with Detectives



# COMMON RESOURCES FOR CRIME VICTIMS

- Heartly House
- District Court Commissioner
- Criminal Injury Compensation Board
- Mental Health Association: Walk in, 211
- Mobile Crisis
- Frederick Health Hospital
- State's Attorney's Office
- Patrol Checks



# GOALS OF VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

- Safety
- Recovery
- Cooperation w/ Investigation
- Crime prevention



# **BENEFITS OF VICTIM SERVICES**

- Help victim cope w/immediate crisis & recovery from crime
- Reduce victim stress to improve memory
- Increase victim participation w/ investigation
- Support evidence collection for charges, arrest
- Victim more likely to testify; facilitate prosecution
- Makes communities safer and improving quality of life



# CONTACT INFORMATION

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