



NEW ORLEANS POLICE
DEPARTMENT'S

VICTIM/WITNESS
ASSISTANCE UNIT

Provides the following assistance:

- *Safety Planning*
- *Victim Advocacy*
- *Crisis Intervention*
- *Crime Victims Reparations*
- *Counseling Referrals*
- *Community Resource*
- *Referrals*
- *Case Update Information*
- *Information on the Criminal Justice Process*

VICTIM / WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT
715 SOUTH BROAD STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70119
(504) 658-6795

American Red Cross
2640 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
(504) 620-3105

CASA New Orleans
1340 Poydras Street Ste. 2120
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-522-1962

Catholic Charities
1001 Howard Avenue Ste. 237
New Orleans, LA 70113
(504) 266-4877

Children's Bureau
1001 Howard Avenue Ste. 2800
New Orleans, LA
(504) 525-2366

Compassionate Friends, Inc.
East Jefferson Hospital
4200 Houma Boulevard
Metairie, Louisiana
(504) 265-0581
(877) 969-0010

<http://www.compassionatefriends.org/>

Covenant House
611 North Rampart Street
New Orleans, LA
(504) 584-1111

Crime Stoppers
(504) 822-1111

Crime Victims Reparations Program
1-888-6- VICTIM
<http://lcle.la.gov/programs/cvr.asp>

Family Services of Greater New Orleans
2515 Canal Street, Suite 201
New Orleans, LA 70119
504-822-0800
family@fsgno.org

Family Justice Center
830 Julia Street
New Orleans, LA 70113
(504) 592-4005

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LAFASA)
(888) 995-7273

Louisiana Victims Notification System (LAVNS)
(866) -528-6748

National Center for Victims of Crime (800) 394-2255
<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main>

Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office
Crime Victim Assistance Program
3630 Mac Arthur Blvd., Ste. E.
New Orleans, LA 70114
(504) 827-6754
<http://www.opcso.org>

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Assistance
for
Victims
of
Crime

ITEM NUMBER: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____

DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____

RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS & WITNESSES

LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 46:1841-1844

LARS 46:1841- Legislative intent:

“In recognition of the civic and moral duty of victims and witnesses of crime to cooperate fully and voluntarily with law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and in further recognition of the continuing importance of such citizen cooperation to state and local law enforcement efforts and the general effectiveness and well-being of the criminal justice system of this state, the legislature declares its intent, in this Chapter, to ensure that all victims and witnesses of crime are treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity, and that the rights extended in this Chapter to victims and witnesses of crime are honored and protected by the law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges in a manner no less vigorous than the protection afforded the criminal defendants.”

The following is a synopsis of your right as provided by Louisiana Law if you are a victim or witness of a felony crime against the person.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- You must report the crime within 72 hours unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- You must designate a family member to be the contact for minor or homicide victims.
- You must provide your current address and phone number.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL:

- Ensure that you receive emergency, medical, and social services as soon as possible
- Provide you with a crime victim's brochure



You have the right

- To be notified of the arrest of the accused
- To be present at all hearings, court proceedings and have advance notice of such hearings
- Not to be excluded from any portion of the hearing or trial unless you are a witness and the court orders you to be sequestered
- To be provided with a private setting when being interviewed by law enforcement.
- To be informed as to what you can expect and what is expected of you and how to get information
- To be assisted in informing your employer of the need for you to miss work in order to cooperate with the prosecution of the case
- To be informed as soon as possible of any change affecting your appearance at a proceeding if you are scheduled to appear
- To be provided by the court, with a secure waiting area away from the defendant, his family and friends, whenever possible but always in the case of violent crimes
- To have your attorney confer with the agencies about the prosecution and disposition of the case
- To be consulted by the District Attorney for your view on dismissal, plea bargain, or sentencing alternatives
- To be given specific information about maximum and minimum sentencing and prison terms prior to the sentencing hearing
- To make an oral or written victim impact statement prior to sentencing
- To express your opinion at the sentencing hearing
- To request restitution if the defendant is found guilty
- To have personal property returned promptly when no longer needed as evidence

Once the defendant has been convicted and becomes an inmate, you have the right to be notified:

- ♣ When he or she is released
- ♣ Of a pardon or parole hearing and the right to be present and make written or oral statements
- ♣ Immediately of an escape and within 48 hours of recapture.
- ♣ Of the appeal, discharge, or parole of the defendant of a scheduled execution. A family member of the victim may be present.

LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Crime Victims Reparations Program Act 250 of 1982, LA Revised Statute 46:1801-1822

Effective July 1982, the State of Louisiana established a program for the payment of compensation to the victims of certain crimes. The law, known as the Crime Victims Reparations Act, created the Crime Victims Reparations Board and established the Crime Victims Reparations Fund. The Board Administers the Acts' provisions and awards payments from the fund. Income for the fund is composed primarily of monies paid as cost levied on criminal court cost. Funds are supplemented by a federal grant, court ordered restitution from criminals, donations and interest.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR AWARDS

You may apply if you:

- Believe you are a victim of a violent crime
- Are the victim's legal representative (his attorney or the person legally responsible for the expenses)
- Are the victim's dependent

A claim may be filed regardless of whether the offender is known, has been arrested, and/or has been found guilty.

The Crime must:

- Involve the **use of force** or the threat of use of force **AND**
- Resulted in personal injury, death or catastrophic property loss **AND**
- Resulted in expenses allowed by the statute and not reimbursable from **any** other source

You may file a claim for **Vehicular crimes** (motor vehicle, boat or aircraft) if you are the victim:

- Of a DWI driver
- Of a Hit & Run driver
- Of a driver who is fleeing the scene of a crime which he knowingly participated in
- Whose injuries were intentionally inflicted with a vehicle

Crime Victims Reparations
1(888) 6 Victim or 1(888) 684-2846