

**Victim Compensation Fund**

If you are a victim of one of the listed crimes, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Victim Compensation Fund. This fund consists of money provided through fees levied against persons convicted of felonies, misdemeanors and certain traffic offenses. Persons who are victims of the crimes listed in this brochure can apply to the fund, and may be eligible to have certain costs associated with the crime committed against them paid for. **For further information, contact the Victim Compensation Unit at the District Attorney’s Office, (970) 498-7290.**

**Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE)**

You can request to be notified when the defendant bonds out of the jail. You must contact **1-888-263-8463** or go to [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) and enter the offender name and your personal four-digit PIN.

We will make every effort possible to enter your information on your behalf in the VINE system to notify you through text if someone has been arrested for your case. If a PIN is required, use 1234.

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE** that it is your responsibility to notify VINE of any changes in your contact information. You can make changes through the website or phone number referenced above.

As a victim of a violent crime, you have certain Constitutional and statutory rights. These rights are listed on this brochure. If you feel your rights are not honored, you can make a complaint to:

**Victim Response Team Coordinator**  
Larimer County Sheriff’s Office  
2501 Midpoint Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
**(970) 498-5149**  
**-OR-**  
**Office for Victim Programs**  
Division of Criminal Justice  
700 Kipling Street, Suite 1000  
Denver, CO 80215  
**1-888-282-1080**

**Law Enforcement Agencies:**

- Colorado State Patrol.....224-3027
- CSU Police Department .....491-6425
- CSU Victim Assistance Team .....491-6384
- CSU Counseling Center – CSU Students
- Ask to speak to the on-call counselor 24/7.....491-7111
- Estes Park Police Department .....586-4465
- Estes Valley Victim Assistance.....577-9781
- Fort Collins Police Services .....221-6540
- Victim Services .....224-6089
- Johnstown Police Department.....587-5555
- Larimer County Sheriff’s Office .....498-5100
- Jail .....498-5200
- Victim Response Team.....498-5149
- Loveland Police Department .....667-2151
- Coroner’s Office.....498-6161
- Probation Department.....494-3900
- Victim Advocate.....494-2954/494-3963
- Timnath Police Department.....224-3211
- Windsor Police Department.....674-6400

**Other Victim Support Services:**

- District Attorney’s Victim/Witness Unit
- .....498-7285
- Parents of Murdered Children ... (303) 345-7301
- Domestic Violence:**
- Crossroads Safehouse (Fort Collins) ...482-3502
- Alternatives to Violence (Loveland) ...669-5150
- Sexual Assault:**
- SAVA (Fort Collins) .....472-4200

**Other Services:**

- Poudre Valley Hospital (Fort Collins).495-7000
- CSU Health Services .....491-7121
- McKee Medical Center (Loveland).....820-4640
- Medical Center of the Rockies.....624-2500
- Mental Health Center (after hours).....221-2114
- Connections (Therapy Referral) .....221-5551

**Local Resource Directory**

**“FIRST CALL” ...dial 211** from land-line phone or 970.407.7066 from a cell phone.

**[www.firstcall-vc.org](http://www.firstcall-vc.org)**

**For Your Records:**

**CASE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COURT DATE FROM SUMMONS:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INCIDENT/CHARGES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**INITIAL REPORTING OFFICER:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATOR:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VICTIM RESPONSE ADVOCATE(S):**  
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**YOUR NOTES:**  
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The Constitutional Amendment for the State of Colorado guarantees certain rights to victims of the listed crimes. If the victim is deceased or incapacitated, these rights are guaranteed to the victim’s spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, significant other, or lawful representative.

**The Rights of  
Victims of Crime**



***LARIMER COUNTY  
SHERIFF’S OFFICE***

**Victim Response Team**

**2501 Midpoint Drive**

**Fort Collins, CO 80525**

**(970) 498-5147**

**498-5153 or 498-5149**

If you are a victim of any one of the crimes listed on the inside panel, your right to be informed and to participate in all critical stages of the criminal justice process related to that crime is guaranteed by the Colorado Constitution.

This brochure is designed to help you exercise those rights

## Mission Statement

The Victim Response Team consists of trained community volunteers authorized by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office. We provide 24 hour crisis intervention, immediate support and assistance to victims and the community. We are committed to ongoing education and team development. Our goal is to serve as a compassionate resource for victims, deputies and our community.

## Types of Crimes

- Murder - 1st and 2nd degree;
- Manslaughter;
- Assault - 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, vehicular, on the elderly or handicapped;
- Criminally negligent homicide and vehicular homicide;
- Menacing;
- Kidnapping - 1st and 2nd degree;
- Sexual Assault- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; sexual assault on a child, sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust; sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist;
- Unlawful sexual contact
- Robbery – aggravated, aggravated of a controlled substance, of the elderly or handicapped;
- Incest & aggravated incest;
- Child abuse;
- Sexual exploitation of children;
- Crimes against at-risk persons;
- Domestic Violence;
- Careless driving that results in the death of another person;
- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in serious bodily injury or the death of another person;
- Stalking;
- Ethnic intimidation;
- Retaliation against a victim, witness, prosecutor, judge or jury;
- Tampering with a victim or witness;
- Indecent Exposure;
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification
- Human-Trafficking/adults and children;
- First Degree Burglary;
- Child Prostitution;
- Soliciting for Child Prostitution;
- Procurement of a Child for Sexual Exploitation;

- Pimping of a Child;
- Inducement of Child Prostitution;
- Patronizing a Prostituted Child;
- Coercion of Involuntary Servitude;
- Posting a private image for harassment or pecuniary gain;
- Violation of criminal protection order issued against a person charged with stalking, sexual assault; sexual assault on a child; sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust; sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist;
- Any attempt, conspiracy, solicitation, or accessory of the above listed crimes.

It is the victim's or survivor's right to request and utilize the services of the Victim Assistance Program.

As a victim of one of the crimes listed, you may be entitled to the following services:

- Immediate crisis intervention and follow-up support;
- Referrals to public or private individual organizations providing:
  - Medical and other emergency services;
  - Mental health and social services;
  - Financial assistance;
  - Translation services;
  - Intervention with creditors, landlords and employers;
  - Legal resources;
  - Rehabilitative services;
  - Information on obtaining public records, including police reports;
  - Other support services.

You can contact your advocate from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office at **(970) 498-5149** to help answer your questions. You may leave a voice mail for your advocate if you're calling after hours. If you need immediate assistance, please call our non-emergent dispatch number at (970) 416-1985 and ask to speak to the on-call advocate.

## Victims Have The Following Rights:

- To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity;
- To be informed of all "critical stages" of the criminal justice process (victims must request notification, in writing, for post-sentencing critical stages);

- To be present at specified critical stages in the criminal justice process;
- To be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse;
- To be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of a crime or any acting on that person's behalf;
- To be present and heard regarding bond reduction or modification, acceptance of a plea agreement, sentencing or modification of a sentence;
- To consult with the district attorney prior to any disposition of the case or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case;
- To be informed of the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations, if known in advance;
- To prepare a victim impact statement and to be present and/or heard at the sentencing hearing;
- To have the court determine restitution and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime;
- To prevent any party at any court proceeding from compelling testimony regarding a victim's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other locating information;
- To receive a prompt return of property when it is no longer needed as evidence;
- To be informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services;
- To be informed about the possibility of restorative justice practices;
- To be provided with appropriate employer intercession services regarding court appearances and meetings with criminal justice officials;
- To be assured that in any criminal proceeding the court, the prosecutor, and other law enforcement officials will take appropriate action to achieve a swift and fair resolution of the proceedings;
- Whenever practicable, to provide a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings and to provide child care services;
- To be notified of the referral of an offender to community corrections and to provide a written victim impact statement to the community corrections board and, if

permitted by the board, to provide an oral victim impact statement;

- To be informed of any request for progression from the state mental health hospital on behalf of a person in its custody as the result of a criminal case involving the victim and the right to be heard at any hearing at which a court considered such a request. "Request for progression" includes any request for off-grounds or unsupervised privileges, community placement, conditional release, unconditional discharge, or a special furlough;
- To be informed of the decision by the Governor to commute or pardon a person convicted of a crime against the victim before such information is publically disclosed;
- To be heard by phone or similar technology by the community corrections board when the victim is otherwise unavailable;
- To be informed of the filing of a petition to cease sex offender registration;
- Upon written request, to be informed when a person accused or convicted of a crime is released from custody, including the county jail, is paroled, escapes or absconds from probation or parole;
- To be informed of the results of a probation revocation or parole revocation hearing;
- Upon written request, to be informed of and heard regarding any reconsideration of a sentence, parole, or commutation of sentence hearing;
- To be informed when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility or program or is permanently or conditionally transferred or released from any state hospital;
- The right, at the discretion of the district attorney, to view all or a portion of the pre-sentence report of the probation department;
- To be informed of the results of any court-ordered HIV testing;
- To be informed of any rights which the victim has pursuant to the Constitution of the United States or the State of Colorado;
- To be informed of the process for enforcing compliance with the Victim Rights Act.
- Disclosure by agent of defense-initiated victim outreach.