

POLICY BULLETIN:

SUBJECT:

Victims (counties may wish to maintain a general policy, as in this template, to outline their procedures for victim-centered work or adapt this policy to create additional versions specific to domestic violence, sex offense, or financial victims)

PURPOSE:

To ensure that crime victims and witnesses receive appropriate assistance established within our agency

PROCEDURE:

POLICY:

YOUR County is committed to providing guidance and assistance to the victims and witnesses of crime. The department will show compassion and understanding for victims and make reasonable effort to support and provide outside resources to assist them when needed.

- I. Officers should never guarantee a victim's safety from future harm but should always refer victims to victim service agencies. Officers should never guarantee that a person qualifies as a victim for those outside agencies.
- II. Officers are to enforce court-imposed conditions and programming assigned to the person under supervision that support the victim. The probation department will utilize a risk/needs tool to establish what these might be, for example, restitution, anger management, counseling, supervision plans, and protection from abuse orders.
- III. If a victim contacts the probation department indicating a violation, the officer will review the allegation and request a violation hearing if needed. The information provided to probation will be documented in the violation report. Probation will provide the number to the local victim service agency. If desired, the victim should be notified by the court (probation or Office of the District Attorney as deemed appropriate and agreed upon by your jurisdiction) of the violation hearing. The victim's input is permitted at the time and place of the hearing if deemed necessary.

STANDARDS:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

REVIEW DATE: