

246. NOTIFICATION OF CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS



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I. PURPOSE

This Policy establishes the procedure for notifying crime victims of their rights as required by MSS 611A and 629.341

II. POLICY

State law requires law enforcement agencies to notify crime victims of certain rights. It is the policy of this Department that employees notify crime victims of their rights whenever required.

III. PROCEDURE

At the time of initial contact, officers are obligated under state law to provide crime victims with the following information:

- 1) The victim's right to apply for reparations to cover losses, not including property losses, resulting from a violent crime and the phone number to call to request an application.
- 2) The right to request that the Department withhold access to data revealing the victim's identity under MSS section 13.82, subd. 17(d).
- 3) The domestic abuse victim's right to receive notice described in MSS 629.341.
- 4) Information on the nearest crime victim assistance program or resource.
- 5) The victim's right, if the offender is charged, to be informed of and participate in the prosecution process, including the right to apply for restitution.

The Department maintains a supply of crime victim rights information cards. These should be given to all crime victims at the time of initial contact.

By Order Of:



Chief of Police