



# **White Bear Lake Police Department**

## **POST Mandated Policy #100-13**

### **Victim Rights Notification**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is the outlined prescribed policy for the notification of victim services and victim's rights.

#### **II. SCOPE**

The scope of this policy applies to all sworn personnel.

#### **III. DISCUSSION**

It shall be the policy of this department to insure that all victims of crimes are informed of the rights and services available to them. The information will contain, but is not limited to, information about available crisis centers, programs for victims of sexual assault, victim witness programs, victim assistance hot lines and domestic violence shelters, as outlined in Minnesota State Statutes 611A.02.

#### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Crime" means conduct that is prohibited by local ordinance or statute and results in bodily harm to an individual; or conduct that is included within the definition of "crime" in MSS 609.02 subdivision 1, which states that a crime is conduct which is prohibited by statute and for which the actor may be sentenced to imprisonment, with or without a fine, or would be included in that definition but for the fact that the person engaging in the conduct lacked capacity to commit a crime under the laws of this state, or the act was alleged or found to be committed by a juvenile (according to the definition of child in MSS 260.015 Subdivision 2.)
- B. "Victim" means a natural person who incurs a loss or harm as a result of a crime, including a good faith effort to prevent a crime. For purposes of restitution, it also includes a corporation that incurs a loss or harm as a result of a crime, a government entity that incurs a loss or harm as a result of a crime, and any other entity authorized to receive restitution. If the victim is a natural person and is deceased, "victim" means the deceased's surviving spouse or next of kin.

## PROCEDURES

- A. According to Minnesota State Statutes 611A.02, the crime victim information must be distributed by a peace officer to each victim at the time of the initial contact with the victim.
- B. This department has Victim Information Cards located in the roll call and in the report writing room. It is the responsibility of each officer to carry enough of the cards to insure that each victim dealt with is given a card. The new card is all inclusive and also contains the information relative to domestic abuse.

It shall be the officer's responsibility to indicate in the written offense report that such card was provided to the victim, and to indicate the date and time of the delivery.

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