



A Community Organization for Victim Assistance serves all victims of crime and circumstance in Pueblo County, regardless of ethnic background, religious persuasion, financial status, community standing, age or gender. We assist victims following a crime or incident by providing immediate crisis intervention with victims and families; referral to supportive agencies, victims compensation or the judicial system; and follow-up as needed.

You may contact ACOVA by calling **553-2460, 583-6434** or after business hours **583-6250** for the **on-call advocate**.

If you are the victim of any of the following crimes, you are guaranteed certain rights by the Constitution of the State of Colorado.

- Murder--first and second degree
- Manslaughter; criminally negligent homicide
- Vehicular homicide; vehicular assault
- Assault--1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, vehicular, on the elderly or handicapped
- Menacing
- Kidnapping--1st and 2nd degree
- Sexual Assault--1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, on a child, on a child by one in a position of trust, on a client by a psychotherapist
- Unlawful sexual contact
- Robbery—aggravated, aggravated of a controlled substance, of the elderly or handicapped
- Incest and aggravated incest
- Child abuse
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Crimes against at-risk persons
- Domestic violence
- Careless driving that results in the

- Failure to stop at the scene of an accident that results in the death of another person
- Stalking
- Ethnic intimidation; biased-motivated crime
- Retaliation against a victim or witness
- Tampering with a witness or victim
- Intimidation and aggravated intimidation of a victim or witness
- Any attempt, conspiracy, solicitation, or accessory involving any of the crimes specified above.
- Indecent exposure
- Violation of a criminal protection order issued against a person charged with sexual assault.
- Trafficking in Adults and Children
- First degree burglary
- Retaliation against a judge or juror
- Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification

The constitution further provides, that a victim's designee, legal guardian or surviving family members also may exercise their rights.

Please feel free to contact the victim assistance unit ACOVA at 553-2460 with any questions you have as you read this pamphlet, or if you simply wish to talk over your concerns.

If all efforts to obtain your rights have failed, you may request assistance from the Governor's Victims' Coordinating Committee by contacting the Victim Rights Specialist at

***Division of Criminal Justice
Office for Victims' Programs
700 Kipling Street, Suite 1000
Denver, CO 80215
(303)239-4442 or (888)282-1080***

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency/911
 Pueblo Police Dept. 553-2538
 Pueblo County Sheriff/583-6125
 Pueblo Community College Police/549-3355
 Colorado State Patrol/544-2424
 ACOVA victim advocate/553-2460
 Jail Release Notification/888-263-8463
 /www.vinelink.com
 Rape Crisis Center/549-0549
 YWCA Crisis Shelter/545-8195

Social Services

Department of Social Services/583-6160
 Catholic Charities/544-4233
 Red Cross/561-2614

Disabled Services

Colorado Bluesky Enterprises /546-0572
 Colorado Division of Rehabilitation/544-1406
 ARC/Developmental Disabilities/545-5845
 PCC Disability Resources/549-3346

Identity Theft

Identity Theft Resource Center, 1-888-400-5530
www.idtheftcenter.org

Legal Resources

District Attorney/583-6030
 Legal Aid/545-6686
 Pueblo Combined Courts/583-7000
 Colorado Attorney General/303-866-4500
 Division of Criminal Justice/888-282-1080

Drug, Alcohol, Medical, Mental Health Services

Colorado Crisis Services/1-844-493-8255
 St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center/557-4000
 Parkview Medical Center/584-4000
 Crossroads Detox/546-6666
 Health Solutions 545-2746
 Health Department/583-4300
 Pueblo Community Health Center/543-8711
 Colorado Mental Crisis Line/ 844-TALK (8255)

Services for Senior Citizens

ARCH, Adult Resources for Care and Help/211
 SRDA/545-8900
 Pueblo Area Agency on Aging/583-6120
 AARP Information Center, 543-8876
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
 Pueblo Child Advocacy Center/583-6332
 Teen Help Line/544-1133 or text Teen to 839863
 Youth Services Bureau/542-5161



Victim's Bill of Rights

You have the right to be...

Informed of emergency services, compensation, community assistance, services, and procedures available to provide protection from intimidation, harassment, or abuse.

Assisted by law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system;

Notified of important matters relating to your case;

Heard in all matters relating to your well being;

Treated with fairness, respect and dignity.

Date/Time Incident: _____

Officers: _____

Incident Report #: _____

William L Brown, Chief of Police
 Pueblo Community College Police
 (719) 549-3355

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD AT ANY COURT PROCEEDING WHICH INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

- Bond reduction or modification
- The acceptance of a negotiated plea agreement
- The sentencing of a person convicted of a crime against you, including the right to make a **victim impact statement**, orally or in writing, of the harm the accused has caused you or your family
- The trial of the accused
- Any consideration of post-conviction release, i.e. parole hearing, including the right to provide written input. You also have the right to confer with the District Attorney prior to any trial or disposition of the case
- To pursue a civil judgment
- The right to waive notification. If you sign and return a waiver, the District Attorney's Office will not notify you of every court event, only those in which your appearance and/or testimony would be beneficial to the case
- Any change in the accused person's status;
- The institution in which the accused is incarcerated
- The release date of the accused, including furlough, work release or community corrections in advance of release
- Scheduled parole hearings and changes in hearing schedules
- The person's escape from any facility or program
- Any release or discharge from confinement and the condition thereof
- The death of the person while in any correctional facility or program.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT FOR ANY CRITICAL STAGE OF THE PROCESS:

- The preliminary hearing
- Any bond modification or reduction hearing
- The arraignment
- Any hearing on motions concerning evidentiary matters, or pre-or post-plea relief
- Any disposition or complaint or charges against the accused
- The trial
- Any sentencing hearing
- Any appellate review or decision
- Any modification of the sentence
- Any probation revocation hearing or modification to the original terms of probation
- Any attack on a court judgment
- Any parole application or revocation hearing.

UPON YOUR REQUEST, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED:

- Any change in status of the accused
- Change in the institution where the accused is incarcerated
- The release date of the criminal, including furlough, work release, or community corrections, in advance of release.
- Scheduled parole hearings for the person and any changes in hearing schedules.
- Any escape of the person from a correctional facility or program.
- Any release or discharge from confinement of the person and conditions of the release.
- The death of the person while in a correctional facility or program.

If you are being intimidated, harassed or stalked or if you feel you are in danger at anytime call 911 immediately

DEFENDANT'S RELEASE

If there has been an arrest in Pueblo County and you would like to be informed when the suspect is released from jail, you must register be put on the victim's notification system-Vinelink. You will need to provide the automated system with a phone number where you can be reached. If the information should change, you must re-register with the current information. It is necessary to make the request as soon as possible, as it is difficult to determine how long a suspect will be held before being released on bond. You can go to **www.vinelink.com** or call **1-888-263-8463** to register. If the suspect was arrested outside of Pueblo County, you can still use the above information to get information on the suspect's release.

GETTING PROPERTY BACK

After the court proceedings have been completed, you can contact Property and Evidence at **549-3355** with your case report number and request your property back. If your property is no longer needed as evidence and is not contraband, you can make an appointment with the evidence technician to get your property back.

ARREST INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A copy of your case report is available for a nominal charge from the Pueblo Community College. If another law enforcement agency handled your case, the report may be available from that agency. If there has been an arrest in your case, you can get information about the crime with which the defendant is charged, bond information or other conditions under which the defendant may be released, and the next scheduled court date, by calling the District Attorney's Office, 583-6030

Do not rely on an arrest as a guarantee of your safety. Please contact the victim assistance unit ACOVA to develop a safety plan

PROTECTION (RESTRAINING) ORDERS

A protection order, also called a restraining order, is a court order by which a judge orders a person to have no contact with you. If a restraining order is in place, and the person contacts you or harasses you in any way, that person can be arrested. For information on how to get a protection order you may call our victim assistance unit ACOVA at 553-2460 or the courts at 583-7000.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINATIONS

There is no charge for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) collection kit if you are the victim of a sexual assault. Those fees are paid by the investigating law enforcement agency. However, if you have medical treatment for other injuries, lab tests or medications, you or your insurance carrier will be responsible for those charges. Victims may also apply for assistance through Victims Compensation or the hospital's indigent program.

RESTITUTION and COMPENSATION

If you have suffered personal or property loss as a result of a crime and it results in a criminal case, you will be given an opportunity to provide information about your loss to the court. At sentencing, the judge will review your request and decide whether the defendant will be ordered to pay you for your loss. That money is called restitution. For information on court ordered restitution, contact **Collections at 583-7050**
If the defendant was sentenced to a period of supervised probation, you can contact the Probation Officer to be notified of status changes.

Adult & Youth Probation at 253-5600

Depending upon your circumstances, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Victim Compensation Fund, even if the suspect is not charged with a crime. Financial assistance and community services are not limited to the compensation fund. For more information contact:

Victim Compensation Administrator
(719) 583-6092
District Attorney's Office
701 Court St
Pueblo, CO 81003