

VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM



NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief of Police, Mike Coffin

The Victim Advocate Program at the Police Department began over 20 years ago to meet the needs of the citizens of New Smyrna Beach who become victims of crimes, and to survivors of those whom have lost their lives due to a violent act.

We provide support and assistance - Call 386-424-2232 and 386-424-2269

- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, willing to assist victims whenever possible.
- Referral to social service agencies for assistance with emergency needs such as clothing, food, shelter, and transportation.
- Assistance in filling out paperwork, referrals for injunctions, victim impact statements, & victim compensation forms.
- Emotional and personal support during medical, criminal justice or law enforcement procedures.
- Criminal court orientation, support, and advocacy, from arrest to disposition of the case.
- Assistance with property return, accompaniment during line-ups, interviews and photo review sessions.
- Transportation and accompaniment to court related interviews, depositions, pretrial hearings, trials, and sentencing.
- Death notification in cases of homicide and other types of deaths.

The Program Philosophy

- Provide assistance and support to the victims of crime and other unforeseen emergencies.
- Act as a liaison between the citizen, law enforcement, the legal system, government, and social agencies.

The New Smyrna Beach Police Department is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

