

Delaware State Police Recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week

As the National Crime Victims' Rights Week draws to a close, the Delaware State Police recognizes the importance of this year's theme, "Rights, access, equity for all victims" by helping crime survivors find justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

"Each year, thousands of Delawareans are affected by crime. The Victim Services section of the Delaware State Police/Delaware Victim Center strive to ensure the rights of victims, expand access to services with equity and inclusion for all, not just during National Crime Victims' Rights Week but every day throughout the year. To provide the best outcomes for victims, it takes a collaborative approach by law enforcement, system-based victim services and community partners who provide a range of services," said Debra Reed, Director of Victim Services.

This week is also an opportunity to thank all those who help ensure the rights and compassionate treatment of crime victims in our State. Colonel Melissa A. Zebley, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, said *"At the heart of our public safety mission is our desire to serve, protect and support our fellow Delawareans. As we close National Crime Victims' Rights Week, I extend my gratitude for the work that every member of the DSP contributes to support this noble calling. In particular, the Victim Service Specialists in our agency, who provide direct, compassionate counsel to those impacted by crime or unexpected tragedy, are to be commended for their dedication and service. As they work with the assistance of our School Resource Officers and Victim Service Officers, our Victim*

Services Specialists are vital to our ability to provide justice, equity, and inclusion to anyone impacted by crime.”

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/[Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). For local resources in Delaware, please visit www.delawarevictimservices.org.

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