

Victim Services Section

1-800-VICTIM-1

Delaware became the "FIRST STATE" in the United States to implement a statewide Victim Center to specifically address the needs of crime victims and survivors of sudden deaths. The Delaware State Police implemented this program in 1988 with partial funding through grants from the United States Department of Justice, administered by the [Delaware Criminal Justice Council](#).

Victims often experience many unfamiliar emotions such as: shock, disbelief, anger, fear, frustration, or guilt. Victims may be immobilized by the feeling that their lives will never be the same. Although these feelings are very normal, victims who are in a state of emotional crisis often are unable to work through these feelings on their own. They may not have the resources to seek professional assistance or may not know where to seek such support. Victims and/or their families may suffer financially, physically and/or emotionally. The Victim Service staff is prepared to assist victims, witnesses and families with these issues.

Goals of Victim Services

- Provide short and long term crisis intervention
- Act as an information and referral source
- Reduce the trauma to victims, witnesses and survivors
- Eliminate additional trauma
- Coordinate resources through a single agency
- Increase positive interaction between victims/witnesses, survivors and law enforcement

- Provide a smoother transition into the criminal justice system in cases where an arrest
- Guarantee services in those cases where an arrest has not been made

Services Available at No Cost

- 24 hour emergency crisis intervention
- Information and referrals for appropriate social service agencies
- Court accompaniment
- Follow up contacts, calls, letters and/or home visits
- Assistance with filing for emergency financial assistance
- Landlord/Employer intervention

The Victim Service Section of the Delaware State Police is available 24 hours a day through the toll free hotline, 1-800-VICTIM-1 (in state) or by calling (302) 659-6823 from outside of Delaware. There are offices located in each of the three counties throughout the state. The Victim Service Specialists are available to respond to crime scenes, hospitals, residences, etc at any time, day or night, when requested to do so by an officer. They are also available to respond to calls on the 800 line from victims or other agency personnel. Not only is this unit available to the Delaware State Police, the services are also extended to over 30 other municipal departments throughout Delaware that do not have an "in house" victim service unit.

Members of this unit are involved in various initiatives throughout the state such as the annual victim's tribute,

several task force committees, domestic violence advocacy center and others. We offer training in the police academy to new recruits as well as in-service. Training is also available for other outside agencies as well. We are involved in the annual domestic violence conference for law enforcement in Delaware. Members of our unit have been certified as Critical Incident Stress debriefers and have been certified as Domestic Violence Specialists.

Our unit has received recognition as an outstanding victim service agency both nationally, by the [National Organization of Victim Assistance](#) (N.O.V.A.) and locally by the Delaware Victims Rights Task force. Recently, members of this unit joined other agency representatives from Delaware and traveled to New York and New Jersey to assist in the aftermath of the World Trade Center Disaster.

This unit compiles and disseminates the Statewide Domestic Incident Statistical report each month. This report is an account of the domestic incidents that were responded to by ALL law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This report includes such information as the number of incidents responded to, how many arrests were made, how many incidents had prior police contact, how many times were children present and/or involved etc.

Delaware State Police Victim Centers

Toll Free Hotline: 1-800-VICTIM-1

Headquarters

[Debbie L. Reed](#), Director

[Angela Brown](#), Administrative Specialist II

New Castle Victim Center

Troop 2:

[Corrie Schmitt](#), Sr. Victim Service Specialist

Troop 6:

[Akilah Seeney](#), Victim Service Specialist (bi-lingual English/Spanish)

Troop 9:

[Veronica Colombo](#), Sr. Victim Service Specialist

Kent County Victim Center

Troop 3:

[Casey Wilson](#), Sr. Victim Service Specialist

Milford State Services Center (Kent/Sussex)

[Nina Brown](#), Victim Service Specialist

Sussex County Victim Center

Troop 4:

[Nancy Will](#), Sr. Victim Service Specialist

Troop 5:

[Crystal Dalton](#), Victim Service Specialist

Delaware Victim Services

Adult Protective Services

Statewide:

Phone: (800) 223-9074

Website: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/>

Abriendo Puertas

Phone: (302) 855-9515

Attorney General's Victim/Witness Program

NCCo:

Phone: (302) 577-8500

Website:

https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/criminal/victims_phone/

Kent:

Phone: (302) 739-4211

Sussex:

Phone: (302) 856-5352

Statewide:

Phone: (800) 870-1790

Child Inc. Battered Women's Program

NCCo:

Phone: (302) 762-6111

Website: www.childinc.com

Delaware State Police Victim Services

Delaware Victim Center

Statewide:

Phone: 1-800-VICTIM-1 or 1-800-842-846-1

Division of Family Services (Child Abuse Reporting Line)

Statewide:

Phone: 1-800-292-9582

Website: https://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs_iseethesigns.shtml

Domestic Violence Advocacy Centers

NCCo.:

Phone: (302) 255-0420

Kent:

Phone: (302) 739-6552

Sussex:

Phone: (302) 856-5843

Family/Friends of Murder Victims**Statewide:**

Phone: (302) 998-1403

MADD (Mothers Against Driving Drunk)

Phone: (302) 853-6233 ext 12

Website: www.madd.org

People's Place Battered Women's Program (Shelter and services for DV victims)**Kent & Sussex:**

Phone: (302) 422-8058

Prevent Child Abuse DE**Kent:**

Phone: (302) 674-1112

Rape Crisis CONTACT**NCCo.:**

Phone: (302) 761-9100

Website: www.contactlifeline.org

Kent & Sussex:

Phone: 1-800-262-9800

[Survivors of Accident and Murder \(Support Group\)](#)

Statewide:

Phone: (302) 368-9500

[U.S. Attorney Victim/Witness Program](#)

Statewide:

Phone: (302) 573-6277 ext 132

Email: susan.baldwin@usdoj.gov

[Victims' Voices Heard \(Severe Violence Mediation Program\)](#)

Phone: 1-866-424-0890 ext 3

[Violent Crimes Compensation Program](#)

Statewide:

Phone: (302) 995-8383

A compiled list of Delaware Victim Services Agencies is available [here](#).

Police Based Victim Services in

Delaware

Delaware State Police Victim Center

Statewide:

Phone: 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-846-1)

Dover Police Victim Services

Kent:

Phone: (302) 736-7134

Website: www.doverpolice.org

[Victims' Rights Task Force](#)

Georgetown Police Victim Services

Sussex:

Phone: (302) 856-6613

New Castle County Police Victim Services

NCCo.:

Phone: (302) 395-8139

Website: <https://www.nccde.org/1744/Victim-Services>

Wilmington Police Victim Services

NCCo.:

Phone: (302) 576-3622

Email: victimservices@wilmingtonde.gov

