

# VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

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## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this directive is to emphasize the requirements by law known as the Victim Bill of Rights. The Victim Bill of Rights is defined in Title 11, Chapter 94, sections 9401 through 9409. The law specifically defines the responsibility of each branch within the Judicial system. **Senate Bill No. 1000 will become part of this directive.**

## **II. POLICY**

It shall be the policy of this department that the Victim Bill of Rights be strictly adhered to and that every effort will be made to assist victims of crime.

## **III. PROCEDURES**

- A. In accordance with a provision of this law, the law enforcement agency having the responsibility of investigating crime against a victim must provide the victim with certain information. This information shall include:
1. A copy of the police report with the officer's name, complaint number and contact information so that the victim may check the status of the arrest;
  2. Information about victims' assistance services; and
  3. Pretrial release information; and
  4. Information pertaining to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board; and
  5. Information pertaining to any of the victim's property which may have been taken during the investigation.
- B. A "Victim Information Sheet" detailing the aforementioned information will be reported to the Delaware Victims Center. It shall be the responsibility of the report supervisor to ensure that victims of the designated offenses are reported the Delaware Victim Center.
- C. The Chief of Police shall submit an annual report, at the end of each fiscal year, with the related statistics outlining compliance with the victim rights legislation. This report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Criminal Justice Council and the Victim Rights Task Force.

ORDERED and EXECUTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

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