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Malheur Co. District Attorney's Victim and Witness Protection

The Malheur County District Attorney's Victim / Witness Program are designed to help you through the criminal justice system. Our goal is to involve the community and aid crime victims in keeping victim's safe and holding offenders accountable.

***"Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it."
- Mark Twain***

Our victim advocates and staff will assist you in any way we can. An advocate is available to meet with you and answer any questions about upcoming court hearings and the criminal justice system.

Without the participation and cooperation of crime victims and witnesses, the criminal justice system would cease to function.

We can help to:

- Provide general information about the criminal justice system.
- Provide information about the status of your case throughout the criminal proceedings.
- Assist with Crime Victims' Compensation Application.
- Provide referrals to public and private social service agencies that can provide needed services.
- Offer victim/witness preparation for court hearings and trials. Provide support to court if desired.
- Verify and document your financial losses so that the court can order the offender to pay restitution.
- Assist in the return of property held by the police agencies or the court.

Special Services

Special referral services for child victims and elderly victims are also available.

Referrals can be made for the following services:

- Counseling
- Social services
- Translation services

Victims' Advocates specially trained in the following fields:

- Sexual Assault
- Child Sexual Assault
- Family Violence
- Restitution
- Other (Bilingual Staff)

Crime Victims Compensation Program

The State of Oregon has recognized the needs of victims and their families. In 1977 the Oregon Crime victims' Compensation Program was enacted. This law provides a way to ease the financial losses of the victim and the victim's family as a result of these violent crimes. Contact the Victims' Assistance program for further information and to obtain the necessary forms.

"The great thing in life is not so much where we are but in which direction we are going."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Other resources

There are many community resources that may be available to you, from financial assistance to emotional support (individual and group counseling services, support groups). The Victims' / Witness Program can provide you with more information on these resources.