## Important Numbers And Information

Newberry County Sheriff's Office (803) 321-2211

> Victim Advocate Office (803) 321-2211

Prosperity Police Department (803) 364-2121

Whitmire Police Department (803) 694-2121

Offices of Newberry County:
Department of Social Services (DSS)

(803) 321-2155

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) (803) 276-8243

Clerk of Court's Office (803) 321-2110

Probation, Pardon, & Parole Services (803) 321-2115

Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office (864) 942-8800 Toll-free: 1-800-800-8812

Sexual Trauma Services Toll-free: 1-800-491-7273

Sistercare, Inc. 24 hour Crisis Line Toll-free: 1-800-637-7606

Governor's Office State Office of Victim Assistance (803) 734-1900 Toll-free: 1-800-220-5370

South Carolina Crime Victim's Ombudsman (803) 734-0357 Toll-free: 1-888-238-0697

SC Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN) (803) 750-1200 Toll-free: 1-888-TLC-1900

### Services Available Through The Victim Assistance Program

- \* Crisis intervention
- \* Emotional Support
- \* Familiarization with the criminal justice system
- \* Preparation for court appearance
- \* Support while attending court
- \* Referral to community resources
- \* Assistance in seeking restitution and reimbursement
- \* Assistance in filing application for the crime victim's compensation fund

#### ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

(YOU SHOULD NEVER BE CHARGED FOR THESE SERVICES.)

#### Note:

A copy of the incident report may be obtained by the victim free of charge by contacting the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.

Name of Deputy:



## Victim/Witness Assistance Program

To call for assistance or information: (803) 321–2211



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#### NEWBERRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Victim/Witness Assistance Program

The Newberry County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to assist and provide services to victims and witnesses of crime. We strive to meet those needs through our Victim Assistance Program. Our advocate is one call 24 hours a day to provide services to victims and witnesses from the time the crime occurs, during the investigation, and throughout participation in the criminal justice system.

Our Victim Assistance services are available to both victims and witnesses of criminal acts.

A *victim* is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of a criminal act.

A witness is a person who has been or is expected to be summoned to testify.

# Crime Victim's Bill of Rights

If you are an innocent victim of crime, the South Carolina Bill of Rights for Victims and Witnesses states that you have *THE RIGHT TO*:

- Treatment with dignity and compassion.
- Protection from threats, intimidation, and harassment.
- Be informed concerning the criminal justice process.
- Information concerning eligibility and application for victim compensation benefits.
- The preservation of property and employment.
- Due process in criminal court proceedings.
- Special recognition and attention for the very young, the elderly, the handicapped, and those with special needs, by all criminal justice, medical and social services agencies.
- Refuse to talk to any defense attorney.

## Responsibilities of Victims & Prosecution Witnesses

- You must keep agencies informed of your legal name, address, and phone number.
- restitution or compensation, you must provide details for financial impact.
- You must notify the appropriate authority of your desire to be present for hearings.
- If you wish to make a Victim Impact Statement, you must submit it in a timely manner.
- You must notify the appropriate authority of your desire to make an oral statement.

## **DIAL 911 For Emergencies**

For 24 Hour Non-Emergencies dial 803-321-2222

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