

Laura's Card

Purpose:

- To provide crime victims their rights afforded to them by Arkansas' Victim's Bill of Rights outlined in Arkansas Victim Rights Act of 1997 and Laura's Card Act 873
- To provide state wide consistency of information concerning victim's rights provided to victims' of crime.
- To provide victim rights and information in a clear and concise manner in order to empower victims to make decisions about their safety

Protocol:

Law enforcement agencies responding to crime incidents are required to inform victims in writing of their victim's rights. Officers MUST inform victims of the availability of services: medical, housing, counseling, financial, social, legal, and emergency services. In addition, officers MUST inform victims about how to obtain orders of protection, how to access public records related to the case, and about the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board (including the address and phone number).

Provides:

- Links to the Arkansas Crime Information Center which contains Arkansas' Victims' Bill of Rights and Crime Victims' Guide to the Arkansas Judicial System.
- Information concerning legal aid and printable protective orders.
- Links to Vine Link notification system.
- Information and a link to the Arkansas Crime Victim's Reparation Program.
- Links to government agencies where more detailed information on victims' rights and resources are located
- Space provided for local victims' services information including available medical, housing, counseling, financial, social, legal, and emergency services

Posting:

A PDF format is available to law enforcement agencies. A copy or link of Laura's Card is to be placed on all law enforcement agencies websites and social media in a prominent and obvious manner on the agency home page.

First responders, law enforcement agencies, local service providers, State Park Rangers, School Security and SRO's and Health Providers all prove a critical part of the healing journey for victims of crime. Laura's Card complies with the legal requirements. Using information and services listed, victims will be empowered to move from helplessness to hopefulness.

Thank you for the excellent work you do in protecting our citizens before, during, and after a criminal act has been committed.