

## Contact Numbers for Assistance

FOR AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Victim Assistance	229-263-9866
Brooks Co. Sheriff's Office	229-263-7558
Brooks Co. Hospital	229-263-4171
Barwick Police Dept.	229-735-2311
Morven Police Dept	229-775-2745
Pavo Police Dept	229-859-2111
Quitman Police Department	229-263-7556
Dept of Family and Children	229-263-7567
District Attorney's Office	229-244-7170
Brooks Co Health Dept	229-263-4520
Magistrate Court	229-263-9989
The Haven	229-244-1765
CJCC Victims Compensation	404-657-2222

# BROOKS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## *Putting Victims First*



***A coordinated effort of the Brooks County Board of Commissioners and local law enforcement serving ALL VICTIMS OF CRIME IN BROOKS COUNTY.***

229-263-9866

## *Extending the vision to reach every victim*

The Brooks County Victim Assistance Program provides 24-hour comprehensive victim services to all residents of Brooks County who have been victimized by crime and/or traumatic loss of life (i.e.: homicide or traffic fatality). Victims of crime suffer physical, sexual, emotional and financial harm as a result of the commission of a crime. Victims and their family members receive supportive services from Advocates of the Brooks County Victim Assistance Program and Community Partners at the on-set of the crime, assistance in understanding the complex Criminal Justice System and locating the services available to them, assistance to victims of domestic violence and stalking in obtaining Temporary Protective Orders, referrals to safe housing and community resources and the development of safety plans; Assistance is available to crime victims in completing the application and obtaining incident reports necessary to apply for compensation and throughout the approval process.

## Can Provide You Help

- 24 hour crisis intervention
- Safety Planning
- Temporary Protective Orders
- Crime to Court Information
- Accompaniment to line-ups and interviews
- Preparation for court appearance
- Employer Contact (if requested)
- Courtroom escort (moral support)
- Emergency referrals
- Case Information
- Counseling Referral and Follow-Up
- Help with out-of-town witnesses
- Property return Assistance
- Assistance with completing forms for Restitution
- Assistance in Completing Victims Compensation
- Victim Impact Statements



### **BROOKS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Peggy McCoy Wilson  
Brooks County Administration Bldg.  
610 S. Highland Street  
P. O. Box 167  
Quitman, GA 31643

Phone: 229-263-9866  
Fax: 229-263-5026  
Cell: 229-263-1542

E-mail: [brookscova@windstream.net](mailto:brookscova@windstream.net)

*The funding for the printing of this brochure was provided by 5% funds added on all criminal fines in Brooks County, Barwick, Morven, Pavo and Quitman.*

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM

## VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- Reasonable, accurate and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings
- Reasonable, accurate and timely notice of the arrest, release or escape of the accused.
- Not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings involving the accused, except as otherwise provided by law.
- Be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea or sentencing of the accused.
- File a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused
- Confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim.
- Restitution as provided by law.
- Proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- Be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice

agencies involved in the case.

- Under certain conditions, to be notified of the accused being on an electronic release and monitoring program.
- Notified of an arrest warrant being issued for the accused.
- Notified of the accused being prohibited from contacting the victim.

## VICTIMS RESPONSIBILITY

Victims must provide to the law enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney, and custodial authority a current address and telephone number to be notified of specific actions in a criminal case against the accused, an arrest of the accused, the accused release from custody and any judicial proceeding wherein the release of the accused will be considered.

The victim has the option to waive any of the information or notification or other obligations specified under the Crime Victims Bill of Rights. A victim has the right to designate a spouse, adult child, parent, sibling or grandparent to act on behalf of him or her, when the victim is physically unable to personally assume the rights under the law.

## LAW ENFORCEMENTS RESPONSIBILITY

After a victim has made initial contact with law enforcement and court personnel, they shall make the following information available to the victim:

- That it is possible the accused may be released from custody prior to trial.
- That the victim has certain rights during the various stages of the criminal justice process.
- That if an arrest of the accused is made, the arresting agency must advise the investigating agency, if different, from the arresting agency. The investigating agency, upon receipt of that information, must promptly notify the victim of the arrest.
- That additional information about the Victims Bill of Rights can be obtained by the contacting the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at 404-567-1956, 1-877-231-6590 or 404-463-7650 (TTY).
- That victim of a violent crime can apply for compensation under the Crime Victims Compensation Program by calling 404-657-2222, 1-800-547-0060 or 404-463-7650 (TTY).

- That a victim may have available to them Community Based Victim Service Programs and more information may be obtained by contacting the Governor's Victim Assistance Help line at 1-800- 338-6745.

## YOUR CASE INFORMATION:

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information about my Case:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## BROOKS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Peggy McCoy Wilson—Director  
Brooks County Administration Bldg.  
610 S. Highland Street  
P. O. Box 167  
Quitman, GA 31643

Phone: 229-263-9866  
Fax: 229-263-5026  
Cell: 229-263-1542  
E-mail: brookscova@windstream.net