HRP Victim Services

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Police-based victim support unit

Established in 1996 to provide supportive services to victims of a crime

Special emphasis: victims of domestic violence and sexualized violence

Office location: Police Station in Dartmouth 7 Mellor Ave

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Victim Services Team

- Victim Services Coordinator

- Business Support Person

- Sexual Assault Case Worker

- Domestic Violence Case Coordinator

- Domestic Violence Police Officer

- Domestic Violence Offender Navigator

- Volunteer Mobile Outreach Team (12 Volunteers)

Victim Services Goals

- <u>Enhance</u> the services provided by police to victims
- Provide a **coordinated response** to victims in cooperation with community agencies
- <u>Increase awareness</u> of victims issues and community based services through education
- <u>Increase supports</u> and healing for victims through research and education

Who Do We Support?

VICTIMS of ALL CRIMES

- **Domestic Violence**

- **Sexual Assault**

- Robbery

- Sudden death/suicide

- Homicide

- Other victims as referred by Officers
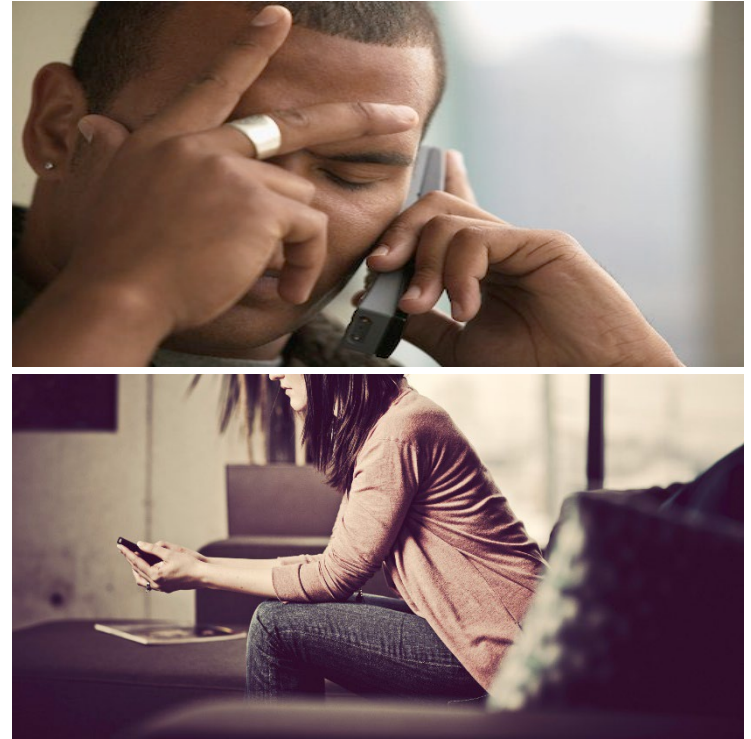
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What do we do?

- Crisis intervention
- Police case information
- Emotional support/Short-term Counseling
- Safety planning
- Advocate for victims
- Referrals
- Liaison between the police and victim
- **Crisis On-Scene Support**

How Do We Get Referrals?

- Automatically by Police Reports

- Direct referrals by Police Officers

- Clients initiate contact

- Community agencies

Other Victim Services Programs

- Peace Bond Navigators Program
- Community Mobilization Team
- Emergency Protection Orders Support
- Safe Space/Safe Place Workshops
- Medical Examiner Referrals
- Offer translated brochures & access to interpreters for Victim support

Calling VS? What to expect

- Triage
- Not all scenes are safe or appropriate
- Not all victims want or need us
- We will linger near by or be in touch by phone

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Contact Victim Services
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