

St. Mary Parish



Sheriff's Office

Victim Services Program

*Know Your Rights
Know Where to Get Help*

St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office

Franklin, LA (337) 828-1960
Morgan City, LA (985) 384-1622

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

In an effort to protect the rights of victims, Sheriff Mark Hebert established the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Victim Services Program.

This brochure serves as a guide for victims by providing information about the services provided by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Victim Services Program as well as information on other service agencies.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

- Ensuring victims receive prompt emergency, social, and medical services.
- Distributing the Victim Notice and Registration Form to victims who are eligible for registration.
- Providing private settings for the interviewing of victims.
- Notifying properly registered victims of the release of those accused or convicted from custody.
- Informing employers that victim cooperation in investigations may require them to miss work.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of all victims.
- Returning any stolen or other personal property to victims or their families when it is no longer needed as evidence.
- Referring victims to local service organizations for counseling and financial services.

***** These services are provided at no cost *****

It is important that you inform the Sheriff's Office and/or the District Attorney's Office of any changes in your address and/or telephone number as soon as possible.

**SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Faith House
(337) 232-8954
Shelter for battered women & their minor children

Family Violence Intervention Program
(337) 232-2440
Intervention program for batterers

Chez Hope
(337) 828-4200
(985) 446-0278

Chez Hope, a non-profit organization was established in 1982 to serve victims of domestic violence in the southern region parishes of Louisiana. They serve St. Mary, Lafourche, and Assumption Parishes.

**SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF
HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Healing House
(337) 234-0443
Services for children (ages 4 -17) who have lost a parent or sibling

Parents of Murdered Children (LA Chapter)
(337) 583-2602

Any victim or witness who is being threatened or intimidated by a suspect, an acquaintance of a suspect, or a family member of a suspect should contact their local law enforcement agency or dial 911 if they feel they are in immediate danger.



*Sign up for this
free & anonymous victim
notification system by calling
1-866-528-6748 or going online to
www.vinelink.com*

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Hearts of Hope (A Children's Advocacy Center)
(337) 269-1557
*For child victims of severe physical and/or sexual
abuse*

Office of Community Services
(337) 262-5901
Investigates reports of child abuse & neglect

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
(985) 345-5995

Sexual Abuse Response Center (Rape Crisis Cen-
ter)
(337) 269-1557
Services for adult/child victims of sexual abuse/assault

LA CRIME VICTIM REPARATIONS PROGRAM

In July of 1982, the State of Louisiana established the Crime Victims Reparations Program in an effort to provide financial compensation to victims of certain crimes. You may be eligible to apply for victim compensation if you:

- Believe you are a victim of a violent crime.
- Are the victim's legal representative (his/her attorney or the person responsible for the expenses).
- Are the victim's dependent.

A claim may be filed regardless of whether the offender is known, has been arrested, and/or has been found guilty. However, the crime must:

- Involve the use of force or the threat of use of force AND
- Result in personal injury, death, or catastrophic property loss AND
- Result in expenses that are allowed by statute (Act 250 of 1982, LA R.S. 46:1801-1822) & are not reimbursable through any other source

If you believe you are eligible to apply for victim compensation, you must apply through the Sheriff's Office *in the parish where the crime occurred*. To request an application, contact the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office at (337) 828-1960.

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Mark Hebert, is committed to maintaining excellence in Law Enforcement and dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our community. The goal of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office is to continue to aspire to high standards of professionalism in policing through integrity, innovation and training.



The St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office: "Serving the community with courtesy, professionalism and respect." - Sheriff Mark Hebert

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