

A. PURPOSE. To outline responsibilities for compliance to Public Act 87, the Crime Victim Rights Act

B. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Pursuant to Public Act 87, it is the responsibility of the Police Department to provide the victim of any criminal act punishable by “imprisonment for more than one year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a felony” with information regarding their rights as a victim.
2. The police officer initially assigned to a criminal incident shall give the victim a copy of the 2-1-1 Pocket Guide that provides the incident information and all of the following information:
 - a. The availability of emergency and medical services
 - b. The availability of victim’s compensation benefits and the address of the Crime Victim’s Compensation Board
 - c. The address and telephone number of the Prosecuting Attorney whom the victim should contact to obtain information about victim’s rights
 - d. The statement, “If you would like to be notified of an arrest in your case or the release of the person arrested, or both, you should call Grand Rapids Police at 456-3380 and inform them” (consistent with Crime Victim’s Rights Act)
 - e. Notice that the victim may contact the Kent County Correctional Facility at 632-6300 to determine whether the defendant has been released from custody
3. Legislation further requires that if a victim requests information regarding a defendant’s pretrial release from custody, the arresting law enforcement agency must provide this information.
 - a. The Kent County Victim Witness Unit will send a request card to the victim in their initial mailing to the victim.
 - b. Upon receipt of that card, Victim Witness will forward it to the Kent County Correctional Facility to be attached to the defendant’s file.