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Dear Chiefs and Sheriffs,

We are pleased to share with you the final version of "Your Rights As a Victim of Crime In Vermont". This customizable document was designed by victim advocates and law enforcement to assist your officers in notifying victims of crime of their rights and the support services available to them during what can be very trying time.

The attached document was designed to be an easy and affordable way for your agency to meet and even exceed law enforcement's statutory obligation as prescribed in Title 13, Chapter 165 and 167 to notify crime victims of their rights. This form has been reviewed and heartedly endorsed by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

As you see, the highlighted portions of this document can be modified so that your relevant local information can be filled in. This information includes:

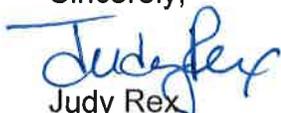
- Your agency's street address and phone number,
- Your local state's attorney's street address and phone number, and
- On page two, information on how to reach your local domestic and sexual violence Network programs.

The document can then be printed and copied as a double-sided hand-out as needed. If you have any compatibility issues, please contact Training Coordinator TJ Anderson at the Vermont Police Academy at tj.anderson@state.vt.us.

This document can live with you locally, and can be posted on your website. It will also be accessible online at the websites of the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services and Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

We hope that you will provide this document to your officers to assist them in giving victims of crime timely and accurate information about the rights and support services to which they are entitled. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to serving victims of crime in Vermont.

Sincerely,



Judy Rex
Executive Director