

North Las Vegas Police Department Victim/Witness Unit

“Empowering Victims, strengthening Lives”

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Welcome!

Today's Topic :

Victim/ Witness Unit

**“Response to Crimes Against Victims
Over 60”**

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Voca Grant Goals and Objectives

- Advocate for vulnerable adults
- Assist officers in the investigation and prosecution of the elderly
- Assist Senior Protective Services
- Provide services to protect vulnerable adults
- Increase Prevention and encourage reporting through public awareness
- Develop training curriculum for officers

Plan of Action

Collaborate with Community Service Providers

- Senior Protective Services
- Division of Aging Services
- Senior Law Project
- Safe House
- Develop a short presentation for public audiences
- Create a slogan to capture interest in promoting public awareness of elder abuse
- Develop officer training curriculum
- Participate in the Elder Abuse Task Force

OFFICER ASSISTANCE

- Respond at the Scene (On Call 24hrs)
- Assist officers in meeting the needs of senior crime victims
- Follow up on officer referrals
- Provide Transportation to shelters and court appointments
- Provide Elder Abuse training to officers

Services Provided to Senior Citizens

- Provide community resources and referrals
- Contact a variety of agencies to facilitate assistance
- Senior Protective Services
 - Division of Aging Services
 - Safe House
 - District Attorney's and City Attorney's Offices
 - Protection Order Courts
- Assistance in filing protection orders for homebound senior and Disabled victims
- Explain the often times confusing criminal justice system
- Safety planning
- Escorting senior citizens to court
- Provide transportation to shelters and court appointments

Community Outreach

- Presentations to community agencies that assist seniors
- Outreach events at senior centers
- Membership in the Elder Abuse Task Force
 - Networking
 - Subcommittees
- NLVPD Community Service Division
 - Crime Prevention safety presentations
 - Membership with SALT (Seniors & Law Enforcement)
 - Victims' Rights Week (Senior Crime Prevention Event)

Statistical Data for 2007

- Victim Witness Unit:
- The following statistics reflect cases served during 2007 by the North Las Vegas Victim Service Unit involving crime victims over the age of 60:
- Total crime victims served 121
- 22 victims were served in collaboration with Senior Protective Services
- 4 victims were served in collaboration with the Division of Aging Services
- 5 victims were served in collaboration with Jean Bryant (Victim Advocate/ Safe House)
- During 2007 The Community Service Division of the North Las Vegas provided information and resources concerning the elderly to 826 Citizens