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OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES

We, as members of the Oxnard Police Department, are committed to the following Core Values in providing the people of Oxnard with personalized and effective service:

We Value Honesty and Integrity.

We Value the Cultural Diversity Within Our Community and Within Our Department.

We Value the Partnerships We Form With All Members Of Our Community.

We Value A Strong Work Ethic.

We Value A Reverence For All Laws.

We Value the Public's Trust.

We Value Respect for Others.



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Oxnard Police Resource Guide



*"Protecting our Community
with Exceptional Service."*



Case #: _____
Date/Time: _____
Officer: _____

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

When I began my law enforcement career 25 years ago, the Oxnard Police Department was the only place I wanted to work. From Day 1, I have counted my blessings and have been so proud to wear our badge and uniform. I have always looked at the Oxnard Police Department as my home away from home and to all of our officers as family members. Public safety is in my DNA. It's in my blood.

As such, I would like to remind you that we are here to provide you with "Exceptional Service" in any way we can. Our officers are the best the City of Oxnard has to offer and they will be available to you. Whether as a victim, as a witness, as a friend, YOU are our priority.

This Resource Guide was made to assist you with any questions you may have about services we provide. It will also prepare you for making a report if you are a victim of crime. Rest assured that in whichever capacity we meet, the Oxnard Police Department will provide you with the best care and service that is in our power to give.

Scott Whitney, Chief of Police
Oxnard Police Department



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- Paid Vacations/Holidays/Sick
- Retiree Medical Trust (OPOA)
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- Incentive Pay: Detectives, Night Differential, FTO, Education/POST Certificates, Bilingual

**Variety of Assignments:
SWAT, Detectives, Traffic, K-9, School Officers, Neighborhood Policing Team, FTO, Dive Team**

**Questions
Sergeant Charles Woodruff
805 385-8300**

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WWW.Oxnardpd.org**

Traffic

What do I do if I am involved in a traffic collision with a vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian?

1. Stop. If you leave the scene you could be charged with hit and run (see 20002(a)V.C.).
2. If there are injuries, immediately call for an ambulance (9-1-1).
3. If you are able to move your vehicle from the roadway, do so. Pull over to a curb or side street and let the police know your location.
4. If you are unable to move your vehicle, DO NOT sit in your vehicle while it is in the roadway. Also, DO NOT stand and wait for the police in the roadway. Sitting in your vehicle or standing in the roadway is dangerous and you risk injury from additional collisions. Move to the shoulder or curb.
5. By California law you must exchange information with the other involved party (name, date of birth, telephone number, driver's license and insurance information). If you locate any witnesses, obtain their information as well.
6. If **only property is damaged** (fence, parked vehicle, etc.) you must notify the owner. In the event you are unable to locate the owner, leave your contact information and notify the police.

What if I am the victim of a hit and run?

1. Stop. Immediately call the police department and inform them of what has occurred. Provide them with all suspect and suspect vehicle information.
2. If you are unable to move your vehicle, DO NOT sit in your vehicle while it is in the roadway. Also, DO NOT stand and wait for the police in the roadway. Sitting in your vehicle or standing in the roadway is dangerous and you risk injury from additional collisions. Move to the shoulder or curb.

How do I obtain a copy of my report?

1. You can obtain a copy from the Records Department at the Oxnard Police Department at 251 South "C" Street;
2. Visit us online at <http://oxnardca.policereports.us/> or
3. Contact your insurance company.

What do I do if I am a victim of "Road Rage"?

1. Avoid a confrontation. Do not challenge the other driver.
2. Do not initiate aggressive behavior such as "brake checking" or demonstrative gestures.
3. If you are followed, immediately drive to the closest police department. If you are able to call 9-1-1 (hands-free, Bluetooth, etc.), do so and tell the dispatcher where you are and any suspect information. They will direct you to the closest police department. Officers will most likely be directed to your location in an effort to contact the suspect.

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Contact Information to Know

CITY OF OXNARD

- Oxnard Police Department
 - Emergency 9-1-1
 - Non-emergency (805) 385-7740
 - Records (805) 385-7600
 - Narcotics Hotline (805) 339-4045
 - Graffiti Hotline (805) 385-8010
 - Gun and Gang Hotline (805) 982-7043

To report anonymously: Call the Violent Crimes Hotline at (805) 982-7070 or (805) 486-8362.

- Website www.oxnardpd.org
- Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/OxnardPD/>
- Nextdoor.com <https://nextdoor.com>
- Online Crime Reporting <https://www.oxnardpd.org/contact-us/report-a-crime/>
- Twitter [@OxnardPD2016](https://twitter.com/OxnardPD2016)
- Oxnard 311

CITY DEPARTMENTS

- Abandoned Vehicles (805) 982-7001
- Animal Control - Complaints (805) 385-7640
- Animal Control - Service (805) 385-7786
- City Council (805) 385-7430
- City Council Agenda (805) 385-7803
- City Manager (805) 385-7430
- City Mayor (805) 385-7450
- Code Compliance (805) 385-7940
- Disaster Preparedness (805) 385-7717
- Graffiti Hotline (805) 385-8010
- Neighborhood Services (805) 385-7424
- Parks (805) 385-7950
- Public Works Call Center (805) 385-8136
- Recreation Programs (805) 385-7995
- Refuse Service Problems (805) 385-8060
- Sewer Service Problems (805) 488-3517
- Street Maintenance (805) 385-8051
- Traffic Signals (805) 385-7866
- Tree Trimming (805) 385-7950
- Water Service Problems (805) 385-8136
- Southern California Edison Outages app:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sce-outages/id553317645?mt=8>

Fraud/ID Theft

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT:

1. Take Care of Your Identity/Credit Issues:

- Use the step-by-step recovery plan at www.identitytheft.gov/Steps.
- Accumulate all of the paperwork showing that you have been a victim.
- Keep a logbook of the names, addresses and phone numbers of contacts that you have made regarding this issue.
- Contact banks for your existing accounts with banks, credit card issuers, etc. and secure them as needed.
- Contact all creditors where fraud has occurred informing them that you are a victim of identity theft.

2. Crime Reporting:

- Contact your local police agency and make a report as a victim of identity theft.
- Obtain a copy of the police report pursuant to Penal Code Section 530.6.
- Contact the Department of Justice if you wish to be included in their database of identity theft victims pursuant to Penal Code Section 530.7 at www.ic3.gov and www.ftc.gov.
- Notify your local DMV office to put an alert on your Driver's License or to report the use of your license number.
- Get a copy of any credit application or bank account that was fraudulently filed or opened in your name by the unauthorized person, free of charge, pursuant to Penal Code Section 530.8.
- Ask the three credit bureaus for the name, address and phone number of companies granting credit in your name.

VARIOUS WEB SITES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- For an identity theft "Survival Kit": www.identitytheft.gov, www.idtheftcenter.org or (888) 400-5530.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): www.ic3.gov
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC): www.ftc.gov
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax payer fraud:
<https://www.irs.gov/uac/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft>
- California Franchise Tax Board (FTB):
https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/Fraud_Referral/index.shtml
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for scams:
https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml
- United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS):
<http://ehome.uspis.gov/mailtheft/idtheft.aspx>
- Social Security Administration: www.ssa.gov
- If you discover that you have become a victim of DL or ID card fraud, immediately contact your local DMV to report the misuse. For an appointment call 1-800-777-0133 or e-mail your inquiry to dlfraud@dmv.ca.gov.

Fraud/ID Theft

"Every person who willfully obtains Personal Identifying Information (PII) of another person and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain, or attempt to obtain, credit, goods, services, or medical information in the name of the other person without the consent of that person..."

"Personal Identifying Information – PII" includes the following: "The name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, social security number, place of employment, employee identification number, mother's maiden name, demand deposit account number, savings account number, or credit card number, of an individual person." (**Penal Code Section 530.5(a) and (b)**).

FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:

- Do not routinely carry your social security card with you. Carry only the cards that you need. Keep your bank cards and identification cards safely secured and keep a secure log of all account and ID numbers.
- Do not give your personal identifying information to anyone that you do not know or did not solicit their services. Do not give your information to anyone online or over the telephone.
- Do not leave anything containing your personal identity in your car or anyplace where someone could snatch it. Keep it securely locked at home or in a safe.
- Do not respond to any request that you send money or information to someone because you "won" a prize or a lottery or you "owe" money (unless you do) or you have a "warrant/fines" without verifying it yourself.
- Do not respond to anyone asking you to send money by "wire" transfer or "Western Union", gift cards or pre-paid debit cards (you are sending cash – you won't get it back).
- Do not negotiate any check that is an over-payment, especially involving any online sales.
- Ask telemarketers where you can obtain printed information about their product if you are interested. Otherwise, hang up. Tell the caller not to call you again or you will report them to the FTC.
- Print on the signature block of your credit card: "Demand Proper ID," so that clerks pay attention to your credit card use. Hide/cover your PIN when entering on a keypad.
- Obtain a credit report annually www.annualcreditreport.com or (877) 322-8228.
- Do not leave any mail clipped to a mailbox or in an unsecured location. Only use a secure/locking mailbox.
- Do not throw away unopened mail especially if it comes from a financial or credit institution – get a shredder.
- Consider going "paperless" for bill paying and banking activities.
- Pull on all parts of any place you swipe/insert your credit/debit cards. Don't get your card skimmed.

Contact Information to Know

NATIONAL

- National Missing and Unidentified Persons System www.namus.gov
- National Center for Missing Adults www.lbth.org
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children www.missingkids.com/home

NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY

- For Victims of Sexual Assault (24/7 Response):
 - NBVC SARC (805) 207-5309
 - NBVC Victim Advocate (805) 746-1538
 - NBVC Unit Victim Advocate (805) 218-9370
- For Victims of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence:
 - NBVC Advocates (805) 982-4117 or (805) 982-3788
 - NBVC Family Advocacy Program (805) 982-5037

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (877) 256-6877
- Victims of Crime Resource Center Mobile Application:
 - Apple App Store Link: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/victims-crime-resourcecenter/id1058044785?mt=8>
 - Google Play Store Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jointmedias.vocr&hl=en>

COUNTY OF VENTURA

- The Coalition for Family Harmony (800) 300-2181
- Interface Children and Family Services (800) 636-6738
- VC District Attorney's Crime Victims' Assistance Unit (805) 654-3622
- VC District Attorney's Office, East County Office (805) 306-7926
- Ventura County District Attorney's Office (805) 654-2500
- Ventura County Probation Agency (805) 654-2132
- Ventura County Superior Court Website www.ventura.courts.ca.gov
- Ventura County Main Jail (805) 654-3335 or www.vcsd.org/pr-inmate-information.php
- General Referrals 2-1-1 or www.211ventura.org
- Victims of Crime Restitution: Victim Compensation and Gov't Claims Board (800) 777-9229 or www.victimcompensation.ca.gov
- Ventura County Crime Stoppers (800) 222-8477 or www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org



Missing Persons

How to File a Missing Persons Report

If someone's whereabouts are unknown, call the police department to report them missing. There is no minimum time requirement. Missing persons include children, runaways, adults and children illegally taken by a parent or family member. At-risk missing persons include persons missing or in need of medical attention, the mentally impaired, persons with no pattern of running away or a victim of a parental abduction.

To better assist in reporting a person missing, please do the following:

1. Gather information about the missing person. Include name, nicknames, birthday, height, weight, eye and hair color/style. Include any birthmarks, tattoos or other distinguishing marks, blemishes or physical traits. Describe what he/she was last wearing including clothing, shoes, jewelry, backpacks, handbags, etc.
2. Collect names, phone numbers and addresses of those who last saw or spoke with him/her. Describe any vehicles the person uses including make, model, color and license plate number.
3. Find a recent photo of the missing person. Color photos that show the face of the missing person without distracting backgrounds are best.
4. Make a list of places the missing person regularly frequents. Include places that he/she may go when in trouble such as the homes of relatives and/or friends, churches or crisis centers.
5. Check the missing person's social networking pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for information about his/her last known whereabouts or people he/she talked to most recently.
6. Call 9-1-1 if you know of an immediate danger regarding a missing person to which the police can respond such as witnessing a person being abducted.
7. Keep the police department updated on any new leads or information regarding the missing person. Find out information about the status of a missing persons investigation by calling the Oxnard Police Department Missing Persons Unit at (805) 385-7646.

If the Missing Person is Found

It is very important to contact the law enforcement agency handling the case so that follow-up can be completed and the case can be closed. Family and friends should be notified as well.



Victims' Bill of Rights/"Marsy's Rights"

9. To a speedy trial and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings.
10. To provide information to a probation department official conducting a pre-sentence investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and the victim's family and any sentencing recommendations before the sentencing of the defendant.
11. To receive, **upon request**, the pre-sentence report when available to the defendant, except for those portions made confidential by law.
12. To be informed, **upon request**, of the conviction, sentence, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant, the scheduled release date of the defendant, and the release of or the escape by the defendant from custody.
13. To restitution.
 - A. It is the unequivocal intention of the People of the State of California that all persons who suffer losses as a result of criminal activity shall have the right to seek and secure restitution from the persons convicted of the crimes causing the losses they suffer.
 - B. Restitution shall be ordered from the convicted wrongdoer in every case, regardless of the sentence or disposition imposed, in which a crime victim suffers a loss.
 - C. All monetary payments, monies, and property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution shall be first applied to pay the amounts ordered as restitution to the victim.
14. To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.
15. To be informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, **upon request**, of the parole or other release of the offender.
16. To have the safety of the victim, the victim's family, and the general public considered before any parole or other post-judgment release decision is made.
17. To be informed of the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (16).

Burglaries and other Property Crimes

Although you may not have suffered any physical injury as a result of your experience, we realize that property crime—especially residential burglary—can have a significant emotional impact. Our Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to assisting in the prevention of all crime in our community. There are many opportunities for you and your family to engage in our collective effort to reduce the likelihood of victimization. Many services are offered to the community, free of charge, including: home security inspections, training on Neighborhood Watch programs and information concerning personal and child safety. Inquire about our new crime prevention initiative "Lock It! Take It! Keep It!" If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please contact our Crime prevention Unit at (805) 385-7668.



Victims' Bill of Rights/"Marsy's Rights"

On November 4, 2008, the People of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law. This measure amended the California Constitution to provide additional rights to victims. This card contains specific sections of the Victims' Bill of Rights and resources. Crime victims may obtain additional information regarding Marsy's Law and local Victim Witness Assistance Center information by contacting the Attorney General's Victim Services Unit at 1-877-433-9069.

A 'victim' is defined under the California Constitution as "a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act. The term 'victim' also includes the person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, or guardian, and includes a lawful representative of a crime victim who is deceased, a minor, or physically or psychologically incapacitated. The term 'victim' does not include a person in custody for an offense, the accused, or a person whom the court finds would not act in the best interests of a minor victim." (Cal. Const., art. I, § 28(e).)

Marsy's Law significantly expands the rights of victims in California. Under Marsy's Law, the California Constitution article I, § 28, section (b) now provides victims with the following enumerated rights:

1. To be treated with fairness and respect for his or her privacy and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse, throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
2. To be reasonably protected from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant.
3. To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.
4. To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, which could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family or which disclose confidential communications made in the course of medical or counseling treatment, or which are otherwise privileged or confidential by law.
5. To refuse an interview, deposition, or discovery request by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or any other person acting on behalf of the defendant, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interview to which the victim consents.
6. To reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, **upon request**, regarding, the arrest of the defendant if known by the prosecutor, the charges filed, the determination whether to extradite the defendant, and, **upon request**, to be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case.
7. To reasonable notice of all public proceedings, including delinquency proceedings, **upon request**, at which the defendant and the prosecutor are entitled to be present and of all parole or other post-conviction release proceedings, and to be present at all such proceedings.
8. To be heard, **upon request**, at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.



See Something, Say Something

The nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. The campaign was originally used by New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which has licensed the use of the slogan to DHS for anti-terrorism and anti-terrorism crime related efforts.

Homeland Security Begins with Hometown Security

If you see something suspicious taking place, report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement or in the case of emergency, call 9-1-1. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expressions, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity. Only reports that document **behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism** will be shared with federal partners.

Report Suspicious Activity to Local Law Enforcement or Call 9-1-1. ¹

¹ Department of Homeland Security <http://www.dhs.gov/ifyouseesomething.saysomething.campaign>

Violent Crime

Violent crimes are crimes "against persons" and are a frightening experience. It can result in injury or even death to the victim, not to mention the impact of these crimes on the family, especially children. These crimes can be motivated by any number of things including gangs, graffiti, narcotics or hate.

The Oxnard Police Department is working to educate the community on how to report crime and report being a victim of a crime. While being hesitant to report a crime is understandable, it is essential for the police to be advised when crimes occur to be better able to protect the public and distribute resources.

What Can I Do?

- Report suspicious activity. Contact the Oxnard Police Department at any of the numbers listed on page 5. If it is an emergency, dial **9-1-1**.
- Spanish translators are available for Spanish-speaking persons who call to report a crime.
- If you would like to remain anonymous, let the dispatcher know! You do not have to give your name and address; and
- If you are a victim of a crime, your immigration status does not matter. The police department does not discriminate on the basis of immigration status.

The Oxnard Police Department can not function effectively without the assistance of concerned, responsible residents. We are depending on **YOU** to call and tell us whenever you see suspicious persons or activity.



Hate Crimes

Hate Crimes in California

In California, you can be a victim of a hate crime if you have been targeted because of your race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or your association with a person or group with one of more of these “real” or “perceived” characteristics. Hate crimes should be reported to the proper authorities, such as your local police or sheriff’s department. If these hate crimes are not reported to law enforcement, the perpetrators will continue to act on their beliefs and will continue to pose a threat to society.

It is important to be able to differentiate between hate incidents and hate crimes.

A **hate incident** is an action or behavior that is motivated by hate, but is protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. Examples of hate incidents can include name calling, epithets, distribution of hate material in public places, and the display of offensive hate-motivated material on one’s property. The freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, such as the freedom of speech, allow hateful rhetoric as long as it does not interfere with the civil rights of others. If this type of behavior escalates to threats being made or carried out against a person or property, then it would be classified as a **hate crime**.

A **hate crime** is a criminal act or attempted criminal act committed against a victim or their property because the victim is, or is perceived to be a member of a protected class. (A victim can include an entity or group).

Hate Crime Victims

If you suspect you are a victim of a hate crime, you should:

- Call the Oxnard Police Department immediately (805-385-7740 or 9-1-1).
- Obtain medical attention (if needed).
- Write down the exact words that were spoken and any other information that may be of value.
- Save any evidence (graffiti, egg shells, writing on victim’s vehicle). Do not remove any evidence. Wait until law enforcement officers respond and take photographs.
- Get the names, addresses and phone numbers of other victims and witnesses.
- If possible, get a description of the perpetrator and perpetrator’s vehicle.
- Call community-based organizations in your area that respond to hate crimes.

Basic Clues

The following list indicates signs that a hate crime may have been committed:

- Perception of the victim or witness that he/she was selected by the perpetrator because of his or her membership in a protected class.
- Written or oral comments of the perpetrator that may indicate a bias.
- Date of incident coincides with a day that is of significance to the victim’s protected class.
- Differences between the race or religion of the victim and the perpetrator.
- Organized hate group activity in the area.



Family Protection Unit

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Domestic Violence Investigations Detail is staffed by two detectives who handle investigations ranging from the review of domestic disturbances to aggravated cases of domestic violence. It is the goal of this investigative section to diligently investigate reported instances of domestic violence and “to discourage domestic violence and abuse by conducting thorough, objective and comprehensive investigations. Investigators will embrace a zero-tolerance, pro-arrest stance towards domestic violence offenders. We will promote the prevention and reduction of domestic violence and abuse by working closely with the District Attorney’s Office and by collaborating with community-based organizations.”

In accordance with Section 13701 of the Penal Code, the Oxnard Police Department hereby provides the following information to the victims of domestic violence. For further information about domestic violence shelters or domestic violence victim services (counseling, restraining order information), contact:

**INTERFACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES at (800) 636-6738 or
COALITION FOR FAMILY HARMONY at (800) 300-2181**

For information about other domestic violence services in the community, you may contact the following:

**OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM SERVICES UNIT - (805) 385-7629
OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DETECTIVES - (805)385-7605
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES – 2-1-1 or (800) 339-9597
DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S – OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE - (805) 654-3622**

1. A victim of domestic violence can ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint (in misdemeanor cases only).
2. A victim of domestic violence has the right to go to the Superior Court and file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief:
 - A. An order restraining the attacker from abusing the victim and other family members.
 - B. An order directing the attacker to leave the household.
 - C. An order preventing the attacker from entering the residence, school, business or place of employment of the victim.
 - D. An order awarding the victim or the other parent custody or visitation with a minor child or children.
 - E. An order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim.
 - F. An order directing the party not granted custody to pay support of minor children, if that party has a legal obligation to do so.
 - G. An order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments coming due while the order is in effect.
 - H. An order directing that either or both parties participate in counseling.
3. A victim of domestic violence has the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property and any other related expenses incurred by the victim or any agency that shelters the victim.

Family Protection Unit

SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Sexual Assault and Family Protection Unit consists of six detectives, three civilian employees and a sergeant. The purview of this investigative unit covers sex crimes (adult and child), physical child abuse, child fatalities, physical elder abuse, domestic violence, missing persons and victim services. Their mission is *“To protect the safety and well-being of victims. We will represent those victims too young to speak or those victims handicapped by disease or disability. We will treat victims with the utmost care, as we relentlessly pursue those responsible for these acts or omissions and make certain that justice is served.”*

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT

1. Unless you are injured, contact the police department **FIRST**. This will prevent the loss of forensic evidence needed for the investigation.
2. Do not change or wash your clothes, take a shower, bathe, wash your hands, douche, comb your hair, eat or drink anything. Do not touch, move, destroy or discard anything where the crime occurred.
3. Write down any details about the assault that you can recall. Do this right away and include details such as the suspect’s name, age, race, height, weight and clothing description. If a vehicle was involved, write down the make, model, color or any other identifying information you can remember.
4. As the victim of a sexual assault, you have the right to have an advocate and/or support person of your choice accompany you during the interview and Medicolegal Examination. The Medicolegal Examination will be performed at an undisclosed location.
5. The police department will provide a Victim Services Advocate to accompany you throughout the forensic interview with detectives and the Medicolegal Examination. If the Victim Services Advocate is not available, Safe Harbor will call a Rape Crisis Counselor to accompany you during the Medicolegal Examination.
6. As a victim of sexual assault, your name, address and other personal identifying information can be kept confidential.
7. DO NOT confront the suspect.

REMEMBER: SEXUAL ASSAULT BY A PERSON WHO IS KNOWN TO THE VICTIM IS A CRIME. THIS INCLUDES SOMEONE FROM AN EXISTING OR PREVIOUS DATING RELATIONSHIP OR SEXUAL ASSAULT BY A SPOUSE.

24-HOUR CRISIS LINES

The Coalition Sexual Assault Hotline (805) 656-1111
 Interface (800) 339-9597

AFTERCARE/FOLLOW-UP COUNSELING

Coalition for Family Harmony (800) 300-2181
 Interface (805) 485-6114
 Oxnard Mental Health (805) 385-8672
 Catholic Charities Clinical Services (805) 486-2900
 Clinicas de la Comunidad (805) 487-5351
 Oxnard Public Health (805) 385-8647
 Children’s and Family Services (805) 654-3200

Hate Crimes

Services Available to Hate Crime Victims

- You have certain rights under the California Constitution’s Victim’s Bill of Rights. (eg. you may be entitled to information about the prosecution of the perpetrator; have the right to present a victim impact statement at the time of sentencing).
- You may be entitled to restitution for loss, damage or injury that you may incur.
- You are also protected under the Ralph Act and the Bane Act. Under these laws, a court may award money to you. The court may require the person who has violated your rights to pay a civil penalty (\$25,000) to you, money to compensate you for the actual harm you have suffered, and/or an additional amount of money designed to punish that person and to deter future violations of these laws. The court also may issue a restraining order or other type of injunctive order to protect you from further harm, and may order the person who has harmed you to pay your attorney’s fees if you have hired an attorney.

How To Obtain Assistance

If you have been the victim of a hate crime, the following resources may be of assistance to you:

- United States Attorney’s Office Victim/Witness Assistance Program, California Central District (213) 894-2400
- United States Department of Justice, Community Relations Services (202) 305-2935
- CA Attorney General’s Office of Victims’ Services (877) 433-9069
- State of CA - Department of Fair Employment and Housing Telephone 1-800-884-1684 TTY: 1-800-700-2320
- CA State Board of Control Victims of Violent Crime Unit 1-800-777-9229
- VC District Attorney’s Crime Victims’ Assistance Unit (805) 654-3622

(Information courtesy of the Crime and Violence Prevention Center, California Attorney General’s Office)





**Oxnard Police Department
Explorer Post #9286**
Provides an opportunity for youths to experience firsthand what it takes to get started in a challenging law enforcement career. Exploring provides the law enforcement profession an opportunity to further an investment in its own future through constructive relationships with young adults contemplating a career in the field of criminal justice.

**Explorer
Post #9286**

APPLY NOW!
Minimum Requirements:
1. Have good moral character with no arrest or conviction records for serious offenses or multiple minor offenses.
2. Submit to a thorough background investigation.
3. Have parental approval if the Explorer is a minor.
4. Be of good mental/physical health.
5. Have and maintain at minimum a 2.5 GPA in school.



Visit www.OxnardPD.org or www.opdexplorers.com for more details.



For further information, visit www.OxnardPD.org.



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BECOME A POLICE VOLUNTEER

Established in January of 2009, the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) program was created by the Oxnard Police Department to supplement and enhance existing or envisioned functions in a non-hazardous, non-enforcement capacity to allow law enforcement professionals to do their job in the most effective manner. Come join us for an informational training/recruiting session!

How do I become a volunteer?

- Be 21 years of age
- Complete an application
- Take part in an interview
- Successfully pass a thorough background investigation
- Complete required training courses
- Contribute 16-hours of volunteer time monthly

What are some duties of VIPS?

- Traffic (collisions, parades, special events, etc.)
- Roadside Sobriety Checkpoints
- Child Fingerprinting
- Crime Prevention & Outreach
- At Risk Registration of Dependent Residents
- Community Patrols

For more information, please contact Oxnard VIPS Coordinator Bev Cripps at (805) 385-7569 or volunteers@oxnardpd.org.

