

Law Enforcement Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information and develop a needs assessment in our community to assist people with disabilities who have been victims of a crime. NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance) has received a grant from SafePlace in Austin, Texas to assess the needs in Bucks County and implement a plan that will develop or improve services to crime victims with disabilities. We appreciate your assistance in completing the following questionnaire.

1. Are you currently employed in Bucks County? Yes No
2. What township/borough do you currently work for? _____
3. What is your title? _____
4. How long have you held this position? _____
5. Have you had any experiences with victims of crime that have a disability?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

6. Are you familiar with crime victim services in Bucks County?

Yes No

If yes, which ones do you refer victims to? _____

7. On average, how often do you refer victims to victim services? (Please circle)

Never 1-2 times per year 3-4 times per year More than 5 times per year

8. In your honest opinion, please circle your comfort level when working with a victim with a disability.

1. I am very comfortable working with victims with all types of disabilities.
2. I am only comfortable working with victims with a physical disability.
3. I am only comfortable working with victims with a cognitive impairment such as mental retardation.
4. I am not comfortable working with any individuals who have a disability.

9. As a law enforcement professional, what do you think are the greatest needs of crime victims with disabilities in Bucks County? Please rank your top 3 choices in order, with 1 being the most important.

transportation community support believability counseling
 education on the criminal justice process interpreters specialized advocates
 protection from the suspected abuser empathy and sensitivity from law enforcement

Other _____

Please explain your choice(s): _____

10. As a law enforcement professional, which of the following would help you to better serve crime victims with disabilities? Please rank your top 3 choices in order, with 1 being the most important.

Training on disability issues/needs Training on disability services
 Communication services/devices Availability of a disabilities advocate
 Follow through from the criminal justice system

Others: _____

12. Are there any other issues on victimization and individuals with disabilities that you feel are important that we may have overlooked?

Comments: _____

Thank you for your time and assistance in order to improve services in Bucks County.

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