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## **Sex Crime Victims' Rights**

### **602.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy will establish a procedure by which the identity of sex crime victims can remain private, and will provide the victim with information regarding other rights afforded by The Victims' Bill of Rights Ariz.Const. Art. 2 § 2.1 and ARS § 13-4401 et seq.

### **602.2 INVESTIGATION CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **602.2.1 VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY**

Officers investigating or receiving a report of an alleged sex offense shall assist in keeping the identity of the victim confidential.

The Department shall withhold public access to information that would reveal the identity of a victim or alleged victim of criminal sexual conduct.

#### **602.2.2 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Officers investigating or receiving a report of an alleged sex offense shall inform the victim of the following rights:

- Provide to the victim, or designated representative, a Victims' Rights Form (ARS § 13-4405, ARS § 13-4403).
- If the sexual crime involves domestic violence, provide the victim in writing with rights, procedures and resources for the protection of the victim (ARS 13-3601(J)).
- To request that the Department withhold public access to information that would reveal the identity of the victim.
- Information regarding the nearest crisis intervention service, crime victim assistance program or other resource.
- To be informed of and participate in the prosecution process if an offender is charged, including the right to request restitution.

#### **602.3 MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS**

Officers investigating or receiving a report of an alleged sex offense that occurred within 120 hours of the offense shall, with the consent of the victim or a person authorized to act on behalf of the victim, request a medical examination of the victim.

If a sexual assault is not reported within 120 hours of the offense, the Department may still request a medical examination of the victim provided consent is given by the victim or a person authorized to act on behalf of the victim.