



**CRIME STOPPERS OF HOUSTON
VICTIM SERVICES
2007 REFERRAL RESOURCES**

ORGANIZATION

Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Assistance Unit

The Victim Assistance unit of the Harris County Sheriff's Department assists victims and survivors
713-967-5800

of crimes that occur in unincorporated Harris County and are being investigated by the HCSO. The unit assists individuals with crime victims' compensation claims and with finding a variety of other general resources as needed.

Houston Police Dept. (HPD) Victims' Services Unit

The HPD Victims' Services Unit assists victims of crimes that occur in the City of Houston and that are being investigated by HPD.

The unit assists individuals with crime victims' compensation claims and with finding a variety of other general resources as needed.

Texas Attorney General's Office/Crime Victim Services,

The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund helps crime victims and their families when they have no other means of paying for the financial cost of crime. The Fund is administered by the Crime Victims' Services Division program of the Office of the Attorney General and is available to victims/survivors of violent crimes. Victims of property crimes are not eligible. Claims may be approved for benefits totaling up to \$50,000 and up to \$100,000 in limited instances.

CONTACT\PHONE #

**Deputy D. Schield,
Victims Liaison
Office:**

**Sara Lewis,
Victim Liaison
Office: 713-308-0082**

Office: 512-936-1200
or
Toll Free:
1-800-983-9933

Mayor's Crime Victims' Assistance Office

The Mayor's Crime Victims' Assistance Office serves to advocate for individual crime victims and organizations seeking improvement and changes in the criminal justice system. This office serves and provides victims with the following services: referrals to support & advocacy groups, court accompaniment, at home visits for needs assessments, Texas Crime Victim Compensation applications, appeal, probation and parole information, and status of criminal case as well as providing education and awareness of law enforcement and legal procedures

Andy Kahan,

Director
713-247-1410

Leticia Rodriguez
Community Liaison
713-247-1565

The Trauma and Grief Program at Baylor College of Medicine

This free program offers two separate professionally-led psycho-educational structured support groups. Surviving family and friends of homicide victims (whether intentional or vehicular) are eligible for the first group which meets once a week for 8 weeks. A second structured group, designed to assist individuals with the grieving process resulting from all forms of catastrophic loss is also available.

Meg McCrady
Project Coordinator
Office: 713-798-6265

Parents of Murdered Children (Houston Chapter)

Support group for families of homicide victims, including DWI and hit and run deaths. POMC meets monthly, features guest speakers, offers fellowship and emotional support from others with similar experiences. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church Youth Building at 5501 Main St.

Claudie Neal,
Chapter Leader
Office: 713-726-1944

Parents of Murdered Children (Heights Chapter)

Support group for families of homicide victims, including deaths. POMC meets monthly, features DWI and hit and run guest speakers, offers fellowship and emotional support from others with similar experiences.
713-392-8236

Ruth Maron
Chapter Leader
Office: 281-590-6195
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Carolyn Hardin
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What Crime Stoppers Can Do:

Crime Stoppers assists crime victims and surviving family members through the provision of a 24-hour-a-day crime tips hotline and by offering cash rewards up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest and charging of the felony offender(s) responsible for the crime. To promote use of the hotline, Crime Stoppers of Houston arranges for media coverage on unsolved felony cases, as well as wanted fugitives. A wide variety of media partnerships assist Crime Stoppers of Houston in obtaining ongoing news coverage on criminal cases, even long after the crime has occurred, so long as the suspect(s) remain at large.

Additionally, Crime Stoppers of Houston arranges for professional distribution of flyers on criminal cases for distribution in locations most likely to generate tips. The cost of flyer distributions generally runs \$700 for printing and distribution of 5,000 black and white flyers in a designated area, but specific charges are established for each distribution. For questions on Crime Stoppers flyers on your case, please call Crime Stoppers Administrative Office at 713-521-4600.

Crime Stoppers of Houston is also willing to assist individuals and corporations or organizations seeking to offer reward funds in addition to those offered by Crime Stoppers of Houston. For further information about "Supplemental Reward" offers, please call Crime Stoppers Administrative Office at 713-521-4600 for complete information.

What Crime Stoppers Can't Do:

For status reports on your case, please call the Investigator assigned to the case. The Crime Stoppers office does not track case status. All verifiable tips and leads are immediately referred to case investigators and any information on case status must be obtained from them.