



HRP Victim Services

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Dartmouth Police Station

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HALIFAX

VS Unit Goals

- **Enhance the services provided** by police to victims.
- Provide a **coordinated response** to victims in cooperation with community agencies.
- **Increase police officers' awareness** of victims' issues and community based services available in HRM and surrounding areas.
- Increase supports and healing for victims

Victim Services + Police



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The services offered at Victim Services is meant to **compliment and support** the work of police officers.



Our Clients

VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCE

- *Domestic Violence (*mandate*)
- *Sexual Assault
- Robbery
- Sudden death/suicide
- Homicide
- Other victims as referred by officer



How Referrals are made

- **Victim Services Queue** - police reports
- **Direct referrals by police officers** - *officers contacting VS, or telling victims about our service/providing card*
- **Victim initiates** contact
- **Community agencies** - *May alert us to a victim directly, or inform victims to our services*



Our Approach



Victim Centred

- ✓ Victim needs first
- ✓ Identify their own needs
- ✓ Victim as expert
- ✓ Self-determination
(make their own choices)

Empower

- ✓ Information
- ✓ Options
- ✓ Educate
- ✓ Validate
- ✓ “Collective
Consciousness”
(shared experience)

Programs & SERVICES

For Victims and their Supports

- Crisis intervention
- Police case information
- Emotional support/Short-term Counseling
- Safety planning
- High Risk Case Coordination – victims and accused
- Advocate for victims
- Referrals
- Liaison between the police and victim
- Crisis On-Scene Support (**helps reduce trauma*)
 - Provided by staff (8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Mon-Fri)
 - Provided by volunteers after hours (Fri-Sun)



Contact Victim Services
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