



YOUR RIGHTS AS A CRIME VICTIM:

As a victim of a crime, you have certain rights in the criminal justice system, per Florida Statute 960 and Florida Constitution Article 1 Section 6. These rights can be found on the Florida Attorney General's website as well as the Pasco Sheriff's website as follows:

<http://myfloridalegal.com>

<https://www.pascosheriff.com/resources.html>



CHRIS NOCCO, SHERIFF



**Pasco Sheriff's
Office Victim
Advocate Unit**



WHO WE ARE:

The Pasco Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates are a specialized civilian unit whose focus is to ensure that the rights of victims are honored. They receive special training in all aspects of victimization, with a victim centered approach. They also provide information and support throughout the entire investigative and criminal justice process. Victim Advocates continually assess the needs of victims and provide support from the onset of victimization, sometimes from crime scene to courtroom and beyond. They maintain a current listing of community resources to include referrals for counseling, legal aid, emergency food and shelter, safe housing and support groups.



WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- *Courtroom Assistance*
- *Emotional Support*
- *Information and Referral*
- *Crisis Intervention*
- *Transport*
- *Safety Planning*
- *Justice System Guidance*
- *Law Enforcement Liaison*
- *On Scene Response*
- *24/7 Availability*
- *Injunction Assistance*
- *Community Events*



*Marsy's Law withholds victim information that "could be used to locate or harass the victim or victim's family or could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim"

