



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

710 – VICTIM / WITNESS RIGHTS AND ASSISTANCE

GENERAL ORDER: 2021-XX
ISSUED: June 9, 2021

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 2021

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Inspector Willie Murphy
DATE: May 13, 2021

ACTION: Amends General Order 2016-41 (June 24, 2016)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 14.1.1, 14.1.2

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

710.00 PURPOSE (WILEAG 14.1.1)

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that department personnel conduct all department operations in a manner that recognizes the rights of victims and witnesses as defined in [Article 1 Section 9m](#) of the Wisconsin Constitution and the state of Wisconsin Basic Bill of Rights for Victims and Witnesses [Wis. Stat. § 950](#).

710.05 POLICY (WILEAG 14.1.1)

It is the policy of the Milwaukee Police Department that all members, as mandated by [Article 1 Section 9m](#) of the Wisconsin Constitution and the state of Wisconsin Basic Bill of Rights for Victims and Witnesses, [Wis. Stat. § 950.04](#), treat all victims and witnesses of crime with fairness, dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity and in accordance with the Milwaukee Police Department [Code of Conduct \(5.00 Respect\)](#). As first responders, law enforcement personnel provide care and support to victims of crime as required by state and federal laws.

710.10 VICTIM AND WITNESS RIGHTS (WILEAG 14.1.2)

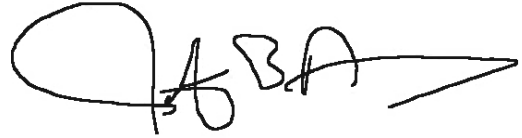
Members investigating a complaint, which is a crime, shall provide each victim with a copy of the *Milwaukee Police Department Crime Victim Resources* (form PV-17) form within 24 hours of initial contact which includes the following:

- A. A full list of rights for victims of crimes under [Article 1 Section 9m](#) of the Wisconsin Constitution and [Wis. Stat. § 950.04\(1v\)](#) Basic Bill of Rights for Victims and Witnesses.
(WILEAG 14.1.2.1)

710.15 MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INITIAL RESPONSE (WILEAG 14.1.2)

- A. The following information shall be provided by department members to victims and witnesses:
 2. Provide the victim with the *Milwaukee Police Department Crime Victim Resources*

(form PV-17) form within 24 hours of the initial contact. The form shall contain the investigating member's name, the ~~incident~~ case number and date, the district or division of the investigating member, the member's shift hours, and a contact phone number for the investigating member if the victim/witness has any additional information or questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.B. Norman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JEFFREY B. NORMAN
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

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