

AFTER RESTITUTION IS ORDERED

Offenders sentenced to prison: If the offender is sentenced to the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) and ordered to pay restitution, Arizona law provides that 20% of the inmate's account shall be allotted for court ordered restitution. This applies to the inmate's work wages or any money received through the mail, in which 20% will be automatically deducted by Inmate Banking. Keep in mind, monies are sent from the ADC to the Clerk's office for distribution to the victim, so it is very important to keep your address updated with the Clerk, as they are mailing the checks for restitution. Here are some important tips:

- When contacting the Office of Victim Services at the ADC, you will need the inmate's ADC Inmate Number or full name and date of birth. You may find the inmate's number on www.azcorrections.gov.
- Inmates are not required to work and they may not receive money from friends or family. If this occurs, monies cannot be deducted.
- Inmates rarely earn more than 50 cents per hour. You may also check if they are working on www.azcorrections.gov.
- The court order must read that restitution will be paid while incarcerated and deducted according to the law. If this is not listed in the court order, then the ADC cannot legally deduct funds.
- The prisoner must be serving a sentence on the case for which you were ordered restitution.

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Public Safety Victim Resources

Phoenix 100 Club
(602) 485-0100
www.100club.org

Arizona Concerns of Police Survivors
(Arizona C.O.P.S.)
(602) 926-0062
(888) 515-5132
www.arizonacops.org
www.nationalcops.org

AZ Local Assistance State Team (firefighters)
(866) 736-5868

Parents of Murdered Children
(602) 254-8818
www.pomc.com

Community Information and Referral
24-hour information and referral service
(602) 263-8856

New Song Center for Grieving Children
and Those Who Love Them
(480) 951-8985
www.thenewsongcenter.org

Restitution Resources

Adult Probation Department
(602) 506-3581

Probation Department
Victim Services Unit
(602) 372-8286

Criminal Financial
Obligations (C.F.O.)
(602) 506-8621

Superior Court Collections
(602) 506-0073

Department of Corrections
ADC Victim Services
(602) 542-1853

ADC-Public Access
(602) 542-5886

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE INFORMATION



VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

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YOUR RIGHTS AS A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE

As a victim of crime in the State of Arizona you have a constitutional right to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment or abuse throughout the criminal/ juvenile justice process. As a public safety employee, you are entitled to the same rights as any other victim. While you may have experience in the criminal justice system, knowing your rights as a victim is still very important. If a person is killed, the person's spouse, parent, child or other lawful representative is a victim or next of kin. Upon request, the following victims' rights apply AFTER an arrest has been made:

- To receive notification of scheduled court dates.
- To talk with the prosecutor about your case and give input.
- To refuse to participate in an interview with the defense attorney.
- To be present and heard at any hearing where the defendant has a right to be present.
- To address the court regarding release conditions, change of plea and sentencing.
- To make a request for restitution.

For more information on these and other victims' rights, please refer to A.R.S. § 13-4201.

DEALING WITH DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY

When a loved one dies suddenly and violently or is injured in the line of duty, the grief the family feels is severe and complicated. There is no time to prepare for loss and no simple way to understand the fact that the life of your loved one has been taken or changed so swiftly.

A dedicated Victim Advocate will be assigned to public service cases of serious injury and line of duty deaths. This Advocate can provide assistance with the following:

- Explain victim rights and assist with exercising those rights.
- Check status on case.
- Act as liaison between you and the Prosecutor.
- Provide court escorts or attend court hearings on your behalf when requested.
- Assist with preparing victim impact statements.
- Assist in addressing the court at release conditions, change of plea and sentencing.
- Work with family members and co-workers.
- Provide appropriate referrals.
- Facilitate Victim Compensation Requests.
- Assist with restitution requests such as:
 - ◊ Damaged uniforms and equipment,
 - ◊ Lost wages,
 - ◊ Counseling.

RESTITUTION UNIQUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY VICTIMS

Public Safety Victims have special needs and concerns. In recognition of this, Arizona law requires the courts to order convicted persons to pay restitution for victims' out-of-pocket losses that are directly related to the crime.

The goal of the criminal justice system is to identify and hold accountable those individuals who break laws. Restitution helps attain this goal. If you have incurred losses resulting from the crime committed, it is important for you to understand how the restitution process works.

After the defendant has pled guilty or been found guilty at trial, the Judge will request that the probation department prepare a pre-sentence report. This report discusses the defendant's life and any other crimes he/she may have committed and will contain a recommendation for a specific sentence. Included in this report is a breakdown of incurred losses, including what Victim Compensation and the victim's insurance company paid.

Restitution is typically ordered for property loss, medical, counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages. Victims must have documentation and be prepared to submit receipts and written estimates to the Pre-Sentence Investigator for restitution they are requesting.

Court ordered restitution must be paid by the convicted criminal to the Clerk of the Court who forwards it to the victim. You must keep your address updated with the Criminal Financial Obligations (C.F.O.) section and any changes must be reported in writing. If the offender has been terminated from probation or released from prison and still owes restitution, you may want to contact Inmate Banking or pursue the matter civilly.

