



WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES
ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

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41.3.1 Purpose

To identify the needs of crime victims and assess the extent to which those needs are met through local resources.

41.3.2 Rationale

The crime victim is an integral part of the prosecution of an offender. The manner in which a deputy treats a victim at the time of the crime, and the services, support and options provided afterwards, affects not only the victim's immediate and long-term ability to cope with the crime, it can determine his (or her) willingness to assist in the investigation and subsequent prosecution.

41.3.3 Definitions

- A. Analysis – An analysis is not merely a description, nor is it a gathering of data, though, both of these elements may be integral parts of an analysis. An analysis is an inspection of each part or component of a situation, condition or item. It includes an examination of each part or component to discover its nature, proportion and function and to determine its relationship to other parts and components. An analysis is important in planning and forecasting.

41.3.4 Policy

- A. At the direction of the sheriff or his designee, an analysis of victim/witness assistance needs and available services will be conducted at least every three years. This analysis will include the following elements:
 - 1. The extent and major types of victimization within our service area.

2. An inventory of information and service needs of victims/witnesses in general, and special victims, such as those victimized by domestic violence abuse and neglect.
 3. Victim assistance and related community services available within our service area.
 4. Identification of all unfulfilled needs and the selection of those needs that are appropriate for the Office to meet.
- B. The Office may, at times, utilize the services of other agencies in this analysis.
- C. The Office may, at times, utilize city and/or state information as it relates to Weber County.