



## Abilene Police Department Operating Procedures

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### **Texas Crime Victim's Compensation Act**

In accordance with Chapter 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the initial officer investigating a sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery or other crime in which a person has suffered bodily injury or death shall give a copy of the appropriate form explaining the TCVCA to the victim or surviving relative. (This form explains the victim's rights and eligibility for compensation.) If the initial officer is unable to contact the victim or surviving relative, the detective who is assigned the case shall provide the form.

The commander of the Criminal Investigations Division or his designee is designated as the Crime Victim liaison for the Department and will provide further assistance to victims when requested.