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ODPS Joins National Campaign for Crime Victims' Rights

Office of Criminal Justice Services offers support and resources for victims and advocates

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Public Safety is pleased to join criminal justice and law enforcement partners as well as crime victims' advocates, survivors of crime and victim service providers from Ohio and across the nation in supporting this week's observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

"Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past," is the theme for this year's national campaign, which is aimed at raising awareness for crime victims' rights and the impact crime has upon families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities.

"We are proud to support this campaign to honor victims and the advocates of victims' rights," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. "OCJS will continue its critical partnerships with law enforcement, victim service providers, advocates and other members of Ohio's communities to reduce and prevent crime."

ODPS' Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio.

The Family Violence Prevention Center (FVPC) at OCJS was established to provide support services to victims and advocates. The Center serves as an information clearinghouse for public and private organizations and individuals throughout Ohio that strive to prevent family violence and provide assistance to victims. Its goal is to provide leadership for coordinated state and local efforts to reduce and prevent family violence in Ohio. For more information about the Center as well as these important campaigns, please visit: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/NCVRW/home.htm>

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