Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-VA-001

Policy Name:	Victims' Assistance
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act and Regulation(s)*
Replaces:	Policy – BP – VA - 001 (Formerly associated to the *Police Services Act)*
Agreements and Protocols:	Protocol between the Service and VSND and Victims' Bill of Rights
Last Revised:	April 24, 2026
Approved By:	Board Chair

BOARD POLICY

1. As prescribed in the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and through Regulation(s) the Timmins Police Service Board shall establish policy(ies) consistent with the *Act,* Regulation(s) and any other applicable legislation.

2. It is the policy of the Timmins Police Service Board with respect to providing assistance to victims that the Chief of Police shall:

    a. Working in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General's Vicim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) and agencies that deliver the Victim Crisis and Referral Service (VCARS) program, where available, municipalities, community and social service agencies and other local organizations, promote the development of an integrated service delivery framework for providing assistance to victims, including safety planning;
    b. Ensure that members of the police service are aware of victim service providers of a victim referral service available in the area;
    c. Establish procedures on providing assistance to victims; and
    d. Ensure that in each instance where there is police service contact with one or more victims of crime involving physical and/or psychological injury, that such victims are referred to the appropriate community service available in their area.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board