



NEWS RELEASE 4/22/24: The Broomfield Police Department joins other law enforcement agencies across the country to recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2024. This year's theme is "How would you help? Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors."

"Those words speak for themselves," Chief of Police Enea Hempelmann said. "As trusted members of the community, how are we prepared to offer support to crime victims, survivors, and their loved ones?"

In 2022 there were nearly 20 million crime victimizations in the United States. More than 6.6 million of those were the result of violent crime, and of that 6.6 million only about 42-percent were reported to law enforcement.

The BPD is proud to join the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) during this special week in raising awareness of victims' rights while also recognizing the department's Victim Services Unit for their tireless advocacy on behalf of those who have been affected by crime.

"We know the rate of violent crime is low in Broomfield, but that doesn't mean we can ignore it all together," Chief Hempelmann said. "Many victims suffer at the hands of their spouses and partners, and while domestic violence is a call officers respond to, it still goes unreported in many cases."

While it is difficult to fully understand the depth of trauma that crime victims and survivors experience, law enforcement officials and victim advocates can ensure they are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. The Broomfield Police Department works tirelessly to bring the suspects in these cases to justice, while also enforcing victim's rights by expanding access to services for everyone in the community.

"This is something we take very seriously at the police department," Chief Hempelmann said. "We train all of our officers and staff to act with compassion, empathy, and respect when responding to all calls for service."

This National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the BPD will share information about the options and services available for crime survivors by holding a proclamation reception on Monday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the upstairs lobby of the police department located at 7 DesCombes Dr. Chief Hempelmann will also take a moment to honor the department's Victim Services Unit for their hard work and dedication to the residents of Broomfield.

For additional information about resources in Broomfield, please contact the [Victim Services Unit](#) at 303-438-6471. For national information visit the [OVC website](#).