Highway Patrol Troopers and the Crash Assistance Program work together in these ways to support those affected by crashes:

- Provide support and information.
- Provide referrals to the appropriate agency and help identify resources if you have specific needs or require further service.
- Provide information concerning your crash or case status.
- Initiate contact with appropriate law enforcement and/or State’s Attorney.
- Provide information and assistance in understanding the criminal justice system and securing your rights as a crime victim, when applicable.

HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Enlist CAP assistance to help you address your concerns and request information.

We can assist you in contacting the investigating Trooper to discuss any questions you may have regarding the crash.

Keep a daily record of all expenses and contacts related to the crash. This information may be helpful to you for a variety of reasons.

If you are a victim of crime, find out your rights. CAP can assist you in securing your rights by contacting the appropriate States Attorney’s Office to be kept informed about your case.

The State of South Dakota established the Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund to provide monetary assistance to victims of violent crimes for specified financial losses as a last resort.

For more information or an application contact:

SD Crime Victims’ Compensation
1.800.696.9476       Website: dss.sd.gov
**South Dakota Highway Patrol**

http://dps.sd.gov/enforcement/highway_patrol/CAP.aspx

**South Dakota Highway Patrol CAP** is committed to guiding individuals and their families through the time after a fatal or life-threatening injury crash.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol enforces laws, investigates crimes, identifies and eliminates traffic hazards.

A strategic priority for the Highway Patrol is crash prevention and investigation.

The SDHP provides CAP services whether or not criminal charges are filed.

We are committed to guiding individuals and their families through the time following a fatal or life threatening injury crash. We understand these crashes can have a devastating impact and questions often arise.

The mission of CAP is to have a positive effect on the long-term recovery of those individuals and families who have experienced such a traumatic time in their lives.

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