

## Crash Assistance Program

The South Dakota Highway Patrol, to include the Crash Assistance Program, will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or offensive behavior based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, (including pregnancy), age, genetic information, disability or any other legally protected status or characteristic. South Dakota's anti-discrimination laws may be found in South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) Chapter 20 Section 13.

State employees are also guided by policy prohibiting any discrimination listed above, and this can be found at:

<http://www.bhr.sd.gov/forms/policies/default.aspx#harassment>

Employees of the South Dakota Highway Patrol are also guided by policy prohibiting any discrimination listed above in the South Dakota Highway Patrol Policy Manual, Chapter 4 (Professionalism) Section 6 (Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Policy), and Chapter 4 (Professionalism) Section 19 (Investigation of Personnel Complaints).

The Crash Assistance Program will also adhere to the VOCA non-discrimination provisions specified at 42 U.S.C. 10604(e), as implemented by 28 CFR part 42.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against in any way, or feel that the Crash Assistance Program personnel have engaged in professional misconduct against you, below is contact information to report the allegations:

### South Dakota Highway Patrol - Division Headquarters

118 W. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-3105

### South Dakota Department of Public Safety

118 W. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-3178

### South Dakota Department Victim Services

118 W. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-5884

### Office of Justice Programs - Office for Civil Rights

810 Seventh Street NW, Washington DC 20531  
(202) 307-0690



**SDHP INCIDENT REPORT #:**

**County the Crash Occurred:**

**Your Crash Assistance Victim Witness Coordinator:**

### South Dakota Highway Patrol

118 West Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-3105  
Fax: (605) 773-6046

### Accident Records

118 West Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-3868  
Fax: (605) 773-6893

### Office of Highway Safety

118 West Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-4949  
Fax: (605) 773-6893

### Department of Victim Services

118 West Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-6317

### SDHP District One

PO Box 1797  
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1797  
Phone: (605) 626-2286  
Fax: (605) 626-2662

### SDHP District Two

5316 West 60th Street North  
Sioux Falls, SD 57107  
Phone: (605) 367-5700  
Fax: (605) 367-5705

### SDHP District Three

PO Box 2474  
Rapid City, SD 57709-2474  
Phone: (605) 394-2286  
Fax: (605) 394-5483

### SDHP District Four

118 West Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 773-4578  
Fax: (605) 773-7144

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## CRASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**The Crash Assistance Program is committed to guiding individuals and their families through the time following a traumatic crash or criminal event. We understand that these incidents can be devastating, and questions often arise.**

**The mission of the Crash Assistance Program 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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# SD HIGHWAY PATROL CRASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

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## STATE CRASH REPORTS

The Office of Accident Records collects data on all state-reportable motor vehicle crashes in South Dakota. Once the investigation is completed, the Trooper will submit the report to Accident Records. To obtain a copy of the crash report, contact the Crash Assistance Program Victim Witness Coordinator, or you may purchase a copy via the Accident Records website:

<https://dps.sd.gov/records/accident-records>

## FATALITY/RECONSTRUCTION REPORTS

Crashes meeting specific criteria may also have a fatality or reconstruction report. Should a crash meet this criteria, the report may consist of an investigative report, possible supplemental reports, and could include a detailed diagram & photographs. If there are criminal charges applied, there may be a delay in the release of the report.

Contact the Crash Assistance Program Victim Witness Coordinator for more information regarding these reports.

## DISCLAIMER

Pursuant to South Dakota Attorney General Official Opinion No. 16-02, dated December 5, 2016, state and local government entities may release accident reports to the public without violating Article VI, §29 of the South Dakota Constitution. Once a crash report is submitted by the investigating law enforcement agency and accepted into the South Dakota Accident Records Database, the Office of Accident Records will place an automatic three calendar day hold on the release of the document to any party to allow for potential victims to exercise their rights under Marsy's Law.

For more information regarding Victims' Rights and Marsy's Law, visit:

<http://atg.sd.gov/victim/marsyslaw.aspx>

## 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 the crash or case status.
- ◆ Assist in contacting the appropriate law enforcement agency 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.
- ◆ The SDHP Crash Assistance Program provides services regardless if criminal charges are filed.

## HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW

CAP can provide assistance to help address any concerns and obtain various reports.

CAP can assist in contacting the investigating Trooper to discuss questions regarding the crash.

CAP can assist victims of crime to know and secure their victim rights. CAP can also assist in contacting the appropriate States Attorney's Office to be kept informed about the case.

Some victims of crime may qualify for monetary assistance through the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. This assistance is for certain qualifying violent crimes, and is issued as a last resort. For more information related to the Crime Victims' Compensation program contact:

### **South Dakota Crime Victims' Compensation**

**1.605.773.6317**

<https://dps.sd.gov/victims-services/crime-victims-compensation>

