

VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Function: Judicial Administration
Division: Commonwealth Attorney
Fund – Account Code: 100-022200 .

Mission:

The Caroline County Victim Witness Assistance Program is committed to providing information and services to victims and witnesses of crime in Caroline County in accordance with the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act and other applicable victims rights laws.

trauma can be greatly decreased through education and understanding by the personnel working in the criminal justice system.

The Program is organizationally located in the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office and is staffed by a Program Director.

Description:

It is the responsibility of the Victim Witness Assistance Program to assist the victim through the process by making sure they are aware of their rights and that they have the opportunity to be heard. The program accomplishes this by offering crisis counseling, emotional support, information on crime victim rights, referrals, court advocacy and support throughout the court process. Crime victims and witnesses have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. The possibility of a secondary trauma caused by those they come in contact with after the initial

Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Goals/Objectives:

- Increase the number of crime victims served in Caroline County.
- Give Caroline County a voice in the area of crime victims rights and services.
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- Continue to stay active in the Virginia Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime.
- Continue to work with the Coalition For A Community Without Violence.

Service Level/Performance Statistics:

Description	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Estimated	2008 Projected
Victims Served:	431	329	375	383
Direct Service Victims	259	107	275	341
Generic Service Victims	172	122	100	42
Referrals From Law Enforcement	123	97	105	204

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**BUDGET
HIGHLIGHTS:**

Budget Funding and Expenditures	FY 05-06 Adopted Budget	FY 06-07 Adopted Budget	FY 07-08 Adopted Budget	Change	
				Amount	%
Funding Sources:					
General Local Revenue	\$ -	\$ 9,999	\$ 13,132	\$ 3,133	31.3%
Permits, Fees & Charges	-	-	-	-	0
Categorical Aid: State	53,942	48,548	48,548	-	0.0%
Categorical Aid: Federal	-	-	-	-	0
Categorical Aid: Local	-	-	-	-	0
	<u>\$ 53,942</u>	<u>\$ 58,547</u>	<u>\$ 61,680</u>	<u>\$ 3,133</u>	<u>31.3%</u>
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$ 34,024	\$ 36,799	\$ 37,903	\$ 1,104	3.0%
Employee Benefits	15,651	15,731	17,740	2,009	12.8%
Purchased Services	-	800	500	(300)	-37.5%
Other Charges	1,657	4,023	4,483	460	11.4%
Materials & Supplies	2,610	944	754	(190)	-20.1%
Capital Outlay	-	250	300	50	20.0%
	<u>\$ 53,942</u>	<u>\$ 58,547</u>	<u>\$ 61,680</u>	<u>\$ 3,133</u>	<u>5.4%</u>