

2017 Virginia Victims' Rights Events

It's almost that time of year again for National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Each April, since 1981, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's recognition week will be held April 2-8, 2017 and the theme is "**Strength, Resilience, and Justice.**"

The following is a compiled list of NCVRW events taking place around the Commonwealth. Please note that event information is reproduced here largely as is it was submitted by each contributing agency. Details may be subject to change and therefore it is advised to email or call event contacts for additional information.

Buchanan County Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Event Name: Meet and Greet Campaign of First Responders Behind the Scenes/Candle Light Vigil

Date: April 3, 2017 at 6pm

Sponsored by: Buchanan County Victim/Witness Program

Description: The Meet and Greet Campaign is an interview process, facilitated by the Director to county wide first responder's and posted to the Buchanan County Victim/Witness Facebook page. This event is intended to help members of the community learn about services offered throughout the county. The program will kick off the National Crime Victims' Rights week with a candle light vigil followed with victim interviews posted the remainder of the week in their honor.

Location: Buchanan County

Address: 1327 Lovers Gap Rd, Vansant, VA

Event Contact: Marcella Watson

E-Mail: marci.watson@buchanancounty-va.gov

Phone: 276-935-5806

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/BuchananVicWit/#>

Chesapeake Sheriff's Office Victim/Witness Program

Event Name: Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony

Date: April 5, 2017 at 3pm

Sponsored by: Sheriff Jim O'Sullivan, Chesapeake Sheriff's Office

Description: This ceremony is to honor and recognize victims and witnesses of crime. Light refreshments will be available following the ceremony.

Location: Chesapeake

Address: 401 Albemarle Drive, Chesapeake Sheriff's Office

Event Contact: Susan Overton

E-Mail: soverton@cityofchesapeake.net

Phone: 757-382-6883

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? Yes

Cumberland County Victim/Witness

Event Name: National Crime Victims' Rights booth at County's Patriots Day celebration

Date: April 22, 2017

Sponsored by: Cumberland County

Description: Cumberland County is hold their annual Patriots Day celebration on April 22nd. The Victim/Witness Program information booth will be present to raise awareness for Victims' Rights with program staff on hand.

Location: Cumberland

Address: 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, VA

Event Contact: Tiffany S. Booker

E-Mail: tbooker@cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov

Phone: 804-491-3362

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Event Name: NCVRW

Date: April 4, 2017 at 10:30pm

Sponsored by: DCJS

Description: DCJS will be hosting an event to recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week and to honor the survivors, victims and families of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The ceremony will be held at the Bell Tower on Capitol Square. At the time of this notice, The Honorable Terence McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia, The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and other special guests will be attending. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception for all attendees at the Virginia State Capitol, House Room 3.

Location: Richmond

Address: Bell Tower at the Capitol Grounds, 9th & Grace Streets, Richmond, VA

Event Contact: Patricia Foster

E-Mail: Patricia.Foster@dcjs.virginia.gov

Phone: 804-371-8634

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Fairfax County Police Victim Services Section

Event Name: 5th Annual 5K Walk and Crime Victim Tribute

Date: April 2, 2017, 4:30pm-7pm

Sponsored by: Fairfax County Police Victim Services Section

Description: On Sunday, April 2, 2017 the Fairfax County Police Victim Services Section will launch the 2017 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, with our 5th Annual 5K Walk and Crime Victim Tribute. This free event is to raise awareness for victims' rights in Northern Virginia and show support for all victims of crime. The 2017 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be commemorated April 2 to 8, 2017. Participants are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to check in. During check in participants will have the opportunity to hear contemporary jazz and blues band Blue Tango (with band

member retired FCPD Detective Steve Shillingford) and visit vendor tables featuring local organizations and victims services providers from around Northern Virginia.

Guest speakers this year include: Julie Carey of NBC4 News as the Master of Ceremonies, Fairfax County Deputy County Executive for Public Safety Dave Rohrer, Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Assistant Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Jessica Greis-Edwardson and Joseph Samaha father of Virginia Tech murder victim Reema Joseph Samaha.

At the end of the walk, please stay as Allan McCullough of Grace Hill Church closes this important event as he pays tribute to all victims of crime with a benediction.

Location: Fairfax County

Address: Fairfax Corner Shopping Center- 4100 Monument Corner Drive; Fairfax, VA

Event Contact: Saly Fayez

E-Mail: saly.fayez@fairfaxcounty.gov

Phone: 703-246-2465

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCVRW2017>

Hampton Victim Services Unit

Event Name: National Victims' Rights Week Breakfast

Date: April 6, 2017, 8:00 am

Sponsored by: Hampton Victim Witness Unit

Description: A breakfast celebrating National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Location: Hampton

Address: Embassy Suites – Mercury Ballroom, 1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA

Event Contact: Kathryn Moore

E-Mail: kathryn.moore@hampton.gov

Phone: 757-728-3056

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? RSVP to Kathryn by March 30th via email or phone

Henrico Victim/Witness

Event Name: Educational Walk in Celebration of NCVRW

Date: April 5, 2017 3pm – 4pm

Sponsored by: Henrico County Victim/Witness

Description: Strength, Resilience, Justice, the theme for 2017 Crime Victims' Rights Week, reflects a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing. Please Join Henrico County Victim/Witness for A Commemorative and Informative Walk in Celebration Of 2017 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Wednesday April 5, 2017 3:00 to 4:00 PM The Memorial Park Henrico County Government Center After remarks from John A. Vithoulkas, Henrico County Manager, The Honorable Shannon L. Taylor, Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney and Lieutenant Colonel Clarence T. Hunter, Jr., Henrico County Division of Police, we invite you to join us for an informative walk on the trail around the Henrico Government Center.

Location: Henrico

Address: Henrico Police Memorial Park, Henrico Government Center 4301 E. Parham Road, Henrico, VA

Event Contact: Shelly Shuman-Johnson

E-Mail: shu03@henrico.us

Phone: 804-501-1680

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Lynchburg Victim/Witness Program

Event Name: Domestic Violence Supply Drive

Date: April 8, 2017

Sponsored by: The Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the 24th Judicial District, Inc.

Description: For the third straight year, Coalition members will be at each location handing out a wish list to Walmart customers as they enter the store requesting donations. Collections will take place on site and items will be delivered to the shelters in Lynchburg, Campbell, and Appomattox.

Location: Walmart - 2 Lynchburg locations (3900 Wards Rd & 3227 Old Forest Rd), Bedford (1126 E Lynchburg Tpke) and Appomattox (505 Oakville Rd)

Event Contact: Susan W. Clark

E-Mail: sclark@ocalynchburg.com

Phone: 434-455-3766

Cost: *your choice*

Do you have to register? No

Nelson County Victim/Witness Program

Event Name: National Crime Victims' Rights Luncheon

Date: April 3, 2017 12pm-1:30pm

Sponsored by: Nelson County Victim Witness Program

Description: I will be hosting a luncheon in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights week. I've invited members of the Nelson County Sheriff's Office, the Nelson County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, members of the Board of Supervisors, and victims that I have served throughout the year. I also will be collaborating with the Appomattox Victim Witness Program in the yearly Supply Drive where donations are made and given to local dv shelters.

Location: Nelson County

Address: 84 Courthouse Square, Lovington, VA

Event Contact: Beth P. Cunningham

E-Mail: bcunningham@nelsoncounty.org

Phone: 434-263-7014

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? Please contact Beth for availability to attend

Newport News Victim Services Unit

Event Name: Victim Crime Week Vigil

Date: April 12, 2017, 11:30am

Sponsored by: Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and Victim Services Unit

Description: Luncheon, guest speaker, invitations to numbered victims from 2016 with recognitions.

Location: Newport News

Address: Downing Gross Cultural Center, 2410 Wickham Ave, Newport News, VA

Event Contact: Laura Dobson

E-Mail: ldobson@nnva.gov

Phone: 757-926-7257

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? Yes

Office of the Attorney General Victim Notification Program

Event Name: Awards Ceremony

Date: April 6, 2017, 1pm-2pm

Sponsored by: Office of the Attorney General

Description: Ceremony to recognize individuals for their outstanding work on behalf of crime victims.

Location: Richmond

Address: Barbara Johns Building; 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA

Event Contact: Kyanna Perkins

E-Mail: kperkins@oag.state.va.us

Phone: 804-786-5284

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Richmond County Victim Witness Assistance Program

Event Name: various events

Date: April 2 to April 8, 2017

Sponsored by: Northern Neck and Essex County offices

Description: There will be several different events in the Northern Neck area because the area offices are coordinating. Elsie Delva-Smith in Westmoreland County has all the dates and times that are current as of this time.

Location: Northern Neck

Address: different locations in Northern Neck area

Event Contact: Elsie Delva-Smith

E-Mail: dwalker@co.richmond.va.us

Phone: 804-333-3573

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Richmond Homicide Support Group and City of Richmond Victim/Witness Services

Event Name: "A Message of Hope" with Pastor Robert Winfree

Date: April 5, 2017, 5:30pm-7pm

Sponsored by: Richmond City Police Department

Description: In recognition of *National Crime Victims' Rights Week*, the Richmond Homicide Support group is pleased to welcome Pastor Robert Winfree of New Life Deliverance Tabernacle to join us and share his message of hope. This event is open to the public, and will include local resources for crime victims, a discussion about *strength, resilience* and *justice*, and an opportunity to ask questions. Parking will be available on the street, and light refreshments will be provided.

Location: Richmond

Address: Richmond Police Training Academy, 1202 W Graham Rd, Richmond, VA

Event Contact: Lt. Davenport or Officer Cheatham-McClarín

E-Mail: *n/a*

Phone: 804-646-6706 or 804-646-6754

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) - Roanoke

Event Name: SAAM Proclamation Press Conference

Date: April 4, 2017, 11am-12pm

Sponsored by: SARA - Roanoke

Description: Proclamation to kick-off Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Location: Roanoke

Address: Roanoke City Municipal Building North Lobby, 215 Church Ave SW, Roanoke, VA

Event Contact: Teresa Berry

E-Mail: tberry@sararoanoke.org

Phone: 540-345-7273

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Stafford County Victim / Witness Assistance Program

Event Name: 2017 Molly Gill Survivor Award

Date: April 6, 2017, 6:15pm-7:30pm

Sponsored by: Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and Victim/Witness Assistance Program

Description: In 2015, the Molly Gill Survivor Award was established to recognize an individual that shows exceptional human resilience in the face of violence, tragedy, and trauma. This will be the third year hosting this event, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and Attorney General Mark R. Herring will be the keynote speaker.

Location: Stafford, Virginia

Address: 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA

Event Contact: Marilyn Dufrat
E-Mail: mdufrat@staffordcountyva.gov
Phone: 540-658-4301

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? Please contact Marilyn for availability to attend

Shelter for Help in Emergency and Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA) Charlottesville
Event Name: Charlottesville National Crime Victims' Rights Week Kickoff and Community Day
Date: April 2, 2017, 1pm-4pm
Sponsored by: Jefferson Area Victim Assistance Coalition

Description: This event is a free community event where all regional VW programs, mental health services, Shelter for Help in Emergency, Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA-Cville), pro bono attorneys, CASA, counseling services, etc. come to set up tables with info about victim services offered. Firetrucks, police motorcycles, bicycles and cruisers will be on site. Food trucks, corn hole, a radio station, fingerprinting for kids, face painting, and contests will be available.

Location: Charlottesville
Address: Sprint Pavilion - 700 East Main Street Charlottesville, VA

Event Contact: Kat Dillon
E-Mail: kdillon@shelterforhelpinemergency.org
Phone: n/a

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors
Event Name: Walk A Mile in Her Shoes 2017
Date: April 1, 2017, 9am-12pm
Sponsored by: Community Sponsors

Description: Walk A Mile In Her Shoes 2017 is a march bringing together our community to stand against all sexual and domestic violence. Join the Center along with other local city officials, first responders, University students/faculty and service members from our surrounding military installations who will participate as walkers. In addition to local community agency's who will be in there to offer resources to all in attendance. The Center offers free services to all survivor/victims of sexual and domestic violence. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, 24/7 rape crisis center serving the peninsula and surrounding areas in the Hampton roads area. Here is the Link if you'd like to register to walk.

Location: Hampton
Address: Peninsula Town Center, 4410 E. Claiborne Square, Hampton, VA

Event Contact: Catherine Hatcher
E-Mail: CHatcher@Visitthecenter.org
Phone: 757-599-9844

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

Link: <https://www.firstgiving.com/csas/walk-a-mile-in-her-shoes-2017>

Virginia Department of Corrections

Event Name: Various Informational Sessions and Poster Competition

Date: April 2 to April 8, 2017

Sponsored by: Virginia Department of Corrections

Description: Call for details on the various events throughout National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Location: Richmond

Address: N/A

Event Contact: Wendy Lohr-Hopp

E-Mail: wendy.lohr-hopp@vadoc.virginia.gov

Phone: 804-674-3243

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? Yes

Virginia Beach Victim Witness

Event Name: National Victims' Rights Week Ceremony

Date: April 6, 2017 at 6:30pm

Sponsored by: Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

Description: Victim and Police Awards ceremony for those contributing in the fight against crime.

Location: Virginia Beach

Address: Museum of Contemporary Art, 2200 Parks Ave, Virginia Beach, VA

Event Contact: Corey Burdin

E-Mail: cburdin@vbgov.com

Phone: 757-385-8308

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? RSVP by calling 757-385-8301 or emailing msummerf@vbgov.com

Williamsburg/James City County Victim-Witness Assistance Program

Event Name: A Victims' Rights Celebration

Date: March 31, 2017

Sponsored by: Williamsburg/James City County Victim-Witness Assistance Program

Description: Walk for victims' rights , learn more about services offered to victims, and hear from Debbie Smith, a nationally known speaker and victim survivor. Food, Door Prizes, and Children's Activities will be provided.

Location: James City County

Address: Warhill High School, 4615 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA

Event Contact: Laura Watson

E-Mail: lwatson@wjcc-ca.hrcmail.com

Phone: 757-564-2395

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No

YWCA of Central Virginia-Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP)

Event Name: 6th Annual SARP Open House

Date: April 4, 2017, 4pm-6pm

Sponsored by: Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP)

Description: SARP will host it's 6th Annual Open House. The Open House is a night to provide the community with awareness of our services and hold an award ceremony. Awards are given to SARP volunteers and community members for their services to survivors of sexual violence.

Location: Lynchburg

Address: 1900 Tate Springs Road, Suite 8 Lynchburg, VA

Event Contact: Erin Caswell

E-Mail: erin.caswell@ywcacva.org

Phone: 434-947-7422

Cost: No cost

Do you have to register? No
