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### **ODPS Joins National Campaign for Crime Victims' Rights**

*Office of Criminal Justice Services offers support and resources for victims and advocates*

**COLUMBUS** – The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is pleased to join criminal justice and law enforcement partners as well as survivors of crime, crime victims' advocates, and victim service providers from Ohio and across the country in supporting this week's observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

"New Challenges. New Solutions." is the theme for this year's national campaign, which is aimed at raising awareness for crime victims' rights and the impact crime has upon crime victims, their families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities.

"Through years of advocacy and hard work, we have come a long way in terms of crime victims' assistance, but this week reminds us that there is still work to be done," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. "Because of this, we are committed to honoring victims and the advocates of victims' rights and will continue our partnerships with criminal justice agencies to reduce and prevent crime in Ohio."

ODPS' Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio.

The Family Violence Prevention Center (FVPC) at OCJS was established to provide support services to victims and advocates. The Center serves as an information clearinghouse for public and private organizations and individuals throughout Ohio that strive to prevent family violence and provide assistance to victims. Its goal is to provide leadership for coordinated state and local efforts to reduce and prevent family violence in Ohio. For more information about the Center as well as these important campaigns, please visit: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/NCVRW/home.htm>

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