Alabama law requires that the local law enforcement officer who assisted the victim must provide the victim with the following information:

- The availability of local emergency and crisis services;
- The availability of victims’ compensation benefits, and the name, address, and telephone number of the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission;
- The name of the law enforcement officer and telephone number of the law enforcement agency;
- The procedural steps involved in criminal prosecution;
- The rights of the victims, authorized by the Alabama Constitution, including a form to invoke these rights;
- The existence and eligibility requirements of restitution and compensation;
- A recommended procedure if the victim is threatened or intimidated;
- The name and telephone number of the office of the prosecuting attorney.

The Alabama Crime Victims' Compensation Commission is a state of Alabama agency that provides innocent victims of violent crime reimbursement for eligible expenses. More information, as well as downloadable applications and brochures are available online at www.acvcc.alabama.gov. The Commission relies on law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama to provide victims with information regarding the assistance we may be able to provide. The Commission appreciates the service law enforcement provides not only to crime victims, but all Alabama citizens.

As a law enforcement officer, you are the first contact a crime victim has with the criminal justice system. The service you provide to victims is invaluable. The information you supply may be the victim’s only lifeline. The following is a summary of the information that law enforcement is legally required to provide to the victim within seventy-two hours of reporting the crime.