



Notification

Using the Integrated Victim Services System (IVSS), the Notification Section of the TDCJ VSD provides updates regarding the status of offenders incarcerated in the TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division (CID) or under the supervision of the TDCJ Parole Division. There are over 100 events that a registrant may be notified of, when applicable. The most common examples include the parole review process, release to supervision or discharge, and parole warrant actions.

Hotline staff are available Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5 pm to assist with registration, offender status questions, and referrals. The Notification Section also processes protest material to be made available to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles during the parole review process.

Scan this QR code to access the IVSS Portal online:



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Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse

The Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse (TxCVC) provides training and technical assistance to criminal justice and victim services professionals. The goal of the TxCVC is to provide the focus, leadership, and coordination necessary to continue and improve services to ensure that victims are afforded a full measure of justice and all possible assistance.

The TxCVC is also responsible for updating the Victim Impact Statement after each legislative session and maintaining statistics on the number of Victim Impact Statements provided each year and the crime type of victims receiving them. The Victim Impact Statement is vital to preserving a victim's right to be informed and to participate in the system throughout the criminal justice process.

Scan this QR code to view the Texas Crime Victims' Rights brochure online:



Scan this QR code to view the "It's Your Voice" brochure and learn about the Victim Impact Statement:



Regional Victim Services Coordinators

The TDCJ VSD has strategically placed Regional Victim Services Coordinators (RVSCs) to provide direct services to victims of violent crime. The RVSCs can assist local victim services and criminal justice professionals at district and county attorney offices, law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations. The RVSCs are also available to serve on victim services coalitions or task force groups and provide training to victim services and criminal justice professionals. These efforts aim to increase the knowledge and understanding of crime victims' post-conviction rights and promote victims' access to their rights and available services.

For more information and to identify the RVSC for your region, scan this QR code to view the full RVSC brochure online:



Victim Offender Mediation Dialogue

The TDCJ VSD Victim Offender Mediation Dialogue (VOMD) program, in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 56A.602, provides an opportunity for victims or surviving family members of violent crime to initiate an in-person meeting with the TDCJ offender responsible for their victimization. Crime victims have expressed a sense of taking back control after meeting with the offender to describe the impact of their victimization and to receive answers to questions regarding the offense. The VOMD can be a very sensitive and highly emotional process. The mediator assigned to the case will work closely with crime victims to identify individual support systems and support services.

The VOMD program facilitates mediation dialogues between crime victims and offenders who are in TDCJ custody or under the supervision of the TDCJ Parole Division. Creative alternatives to mediation are also an option, and typically include a letter written by the victim.

For more information, scan this QR code to view the full VOMD brochure online:

