



Victim Advocate Unit Final Arrangement & Support Information

Contacts:

Make a list of people you would like to notify about the passing of your loved one. (Example: relatives, employer, friends). If you need assistance with this, the Victim Advocate can help you with making these calls.

Funeral Home:

1. Once you have selected a funeral home to work with (please see attached page for references if needed), or if you have previously established funeral arrangements, notify them that your loved one will be at the Medical Examiner's Office in Largo. The funeral home will then contact the Medical Examiner's office to make all the necessary arraignments and keep in touch with you along the way.

After deciding on a funeral home or crematorium that you feel comfortable with, you will need to bring a few items with you including:

- Clothes that you would like the deceased to wear.
 - Any special or cherished items you may want to be put with the deceased such as stuffed animals, special photographs, trinkets, ect.
 - Bring the following information about the deceased: Social security number, birth certificate, and any insurance policy numbers. **If your loved one is the victim of a homicide, please refer to the paragraph on the reverse side of this letter regarding victim compensation.**
 - Try to have a friend or family member go with you to make the funeral arrangements. They may be more objective about the funeral matters than you are at this time. Remember, you do not need to spend a fortune, be realistic about what you can afford.
 - Check with airlines for bereavement discounts for immediate family members who will be flying in for the services as some airlines may have ticket discounts available. The airline may require proof, such as an obituary or police report, of your loved one's passing.
2. The funeral home also processes death certificates. You might need approximately five to ten certificates for a variety of financial/personal things: Yourself, relatives, social security, Veteran's Administration, car insurance, cars loans, home mortgage, bank accounts, etc.
3. The funeral home can also handle the publishing of obituary and funeral notices. Make sure to ask what the charges will be, because most newspapers will print obituaries for free, however there may be a charge for funeral notices.

Updated: 1/20

PASCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff's Administration
8700 Citizen Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34654
727-847-5878

District I
7432 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654
727-847-5878

District II
36409 Co Rd 52
Dade City, FL 33525
352-518-5000

District III
11530 Trinity Blvd
Trinity, FL 34655
727-372-5920

Victim Advocate Unit
Final Arrangement & Support Information
(Continued)

Victim Compensation:

You may be entitled to funds from the Florida Attorney General's Office if your loved one was the victim of a crime, which resulted in the loss of their life. Generally, the fund will pay for medical bills incurred and reimburse you for funeral expenses not to exceed \$7,500.00. The Victim Advocate will help you obtain and complete the necessary forms should you choose. They will also assist you with any questions you may have regarding the investigation and/or court proceedings.

Social Security:

If your loved one was receiving social security benefits, or you feel that you are now entitled to benefits, you can contact the Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 and they will provide you with the assistance you need.

Important Phone Numbers For Information And Referrals:

Pasco Sheriff's Office

Main (727) 847-5878

Toll Free (800)854-2862

Public Safety Communications/Emergency

(727) 847-8102

Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates

West (727) 847-5878

East (352) 518-5000

Pasco/ Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office

(727) 582-6800

Florida Office of the Attorney General, Victims Compensation

Telephone (800) 226-6667

Fax (850) 414-6197

Indigent Burials – Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home

(727) 845-1957