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Victims Right Week & Award

Since April 1981 organizations, from many levels of government and law enforcement have teamed up with numerous victim advocate groups and have recognized police officers, police departments, citizens and others for their commitment and dedication to victims and their families.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards, honor those whose outstanding work on behalf of crime victims has earned them recognition.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves as a reminder to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who work on their behalf.

Keeping with the spirit of Victims Rights Week, the Cumberland Police Department wishes to recognize **Officer Jimmy Laws** as this year's recipient

This award honors;

1. Extraordinary service to crime victims,
2. Uncompensated efforts to reach out to crime victims,
3. The development of effective methods for expanding the reach of victims' rights and services,
4. An individual whose leadership, vision, and innovation results in significant changes to public policy and practice benefiting crime victims,
5. Extraordinary bravery in the aftermath of a crime or courageous act on behalf of a victim or potential victim,
6. Repeatedly demonstrates sympathy and sensitivity to victims or victims families

Officer Laws repeatedly demonstrates his compassion to victims and survivors of crime.