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### **COVINGTON POLICE OPEN NEW CRIME VICTIM RESOURCE CENTER**

Covington, WA – The City of Covington announces the opening of the new Covington Police Crime Victim Resource Center in suite 102 in Covington City Hall at 16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> St.

The Crime Victim Resource Center will be staffed by police volunteers who are available to assist the public with filing basic police reports, can provide information about crime victim advocacy and crime prevention resources, and can answer basic police questions. Fingerprinting and additional services will be introduced in the near future.

The office will initially be open to the public Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and by appointment.

“We have been eager to bring these resources and services directly to Covington residents,” said Andrew McCurdy, Covington’s Police Chief. “Although limited hours now, our ultimate goal is to secure funding for full time staffing.”

In addition to police volunteers, an advocate from VSS (Victim Support Services) will be on site to assist crime victims with accessing services. An advocate from DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women’s Network) will also visit the office monthly to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Covington Police Crime Victim Resource Center can be reached at 253-480-2433.

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