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Hi Ruth,

I apologize that we've been playing phone tag this week—I've been extremely busy. I did want to make sure I got back to you before I left for vacation, however, so that you've have something to take back to the SEJC Commission for the Nov 13th meeting.

I did meet with Chief McQuiston to discuss the SEJC's interest in outreach to crime victims in Albany and had a brief follow-up and email exchange with him. He was intrigued by the idea and definitely supports the concept. When crime occurs, victims are often left feeling vulnerable and unsure of how to navigate the legal system. He wants you to know that **every crime victim** gets a small resource card from the reporting officer (a similar card can be viewed [here](#)), and the department notifies victims of violence of resources that are available to them through the Victim of Crime Compensation Program.

I realize that neither of these is exactly what we spoke of in terms of expressions of community concern and support. The Chief feels that would be a little tricky, due mostly to confidentiality and whether or not it would require staff time to accomplish. He tells me that he is currently focused on seeing that the department achieves the City Council goals adopted and funded for the department for this fiscal year (2012-2013), so any effort by the SEJC would have limited staff support right now. He really stressed that the department is unable to take on any new projects at this time.

He is curious about this though, and would be willing to review any draft ideas or concepts put forth by the SEJC. He encouraged SEJC to find and examine other victim support/services models that have been successful elsewhere to avoid reinventing something already out there. He also offered to come before the group or send a knowledgeable representative to an SEJC meeting to discuss current victim services and listen to any suggestions for improvement.

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