



NEWS FROM NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN **PETER J. ABBATE, JR.**

49th Assembly District, Brooklyn

Crime Update

2014

Dear Neighbor,

As your Assembly representative, I am committed to efforts of making our community a better and safer place to live and raise a family. I am sharing a few new laws that are an important step toward providing safety and peace of mind for crime victims. Every day, crime victims have to persevere and work hard in order to move beyond what they have endured and put these wrongdoings behind them. If you have any questions on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office by phone or via email at: abbatep@assembly.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

*Peter J. Abbate, Jr.
Member of Assembly*

Aiding Victims of Crimes

In the aftermath of a crime, it can seem nearly impossible for individuals and families to put their lives back together. This package of bills provides critical assistance to victims who have had their world turned upside down.

- **Easing the financial burden on victims and their families:** This would expand eligibility by the Office of Victim Services to allow victims in domestic partner crimes to be eligible for compensation for actual out-of-pocket losses and counseling expenses.
- **Protecting individuals who report crimes:** No victim or witness should ever have to think twice about calling the police or requesting emergency services.
- **Making sure victims' needs are met:** A thorough analysis of the impact on victims will help ensure that those who have suffered from criminal acts are receiving the best possible services and support.
- **Protecting rape victims:** This legislation redefines rape by removing the penetration requirement and by including other forms of nonconsensual sexual conduct.



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Protecting Domestic Violence Victims

The Assembly passed a law that further protects domestic violence victims. This law expands access to the NYS Order of Protection Registry to local correctional facility employees and employees of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), who are ultimately responsible for monitoring, supervising, and classifying inmates and parolees.

By giving these employees access to the registry, they are better able to consider the crimes inmates are incarcerated for, the orders of protections issued against them, and the safety of their victims when crafting release and supervision plans. This will help to ensure that domestic abusers will not come into contact with their victims; thus, providing these victims with a safer environment.



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Important Crime Phone Numbers

Police, Fire and Ambulance 911
62nd Precinct (718) 236-2611
66th Precinct..... (718) 851-5611
68th Precinct..... (718) 439-4211
72nd Precinct (718) 965-6311
NYPD Terrorism Hotline
..... 888 NYC-SAFE

Get Involved

Each month, the local precincts in our area hold Community Council meetings to discuss local public safety issues. This gives the residents of the area a chance to talk to elected officials and their staff, as well as the Precinct Captain. These meetings are a great venue to learn more about what the police are doing in your area, as well as an opportunity for the Captain to hear concerns from the community.

If you would like to get involved, contact your local precinct about upcoming Community Council meetings.