5-09/045.00 - Protection of Victims/Witnesses

No Department member shall offer a victim or witness any assurance a suspect and/or any other person does not present a danger to their safety. Department members shall not offer nor provide victims or witnesses protection without the expressed consent of their unit commander.

Any warnings to victims or witnesses and all offers of Department protection shall be documented in a first or supplemental report. The report shall also contain the individual's response to the Department's warning of danger or offer of protection and whether or not any protection was provided.

Questions regarding a Department member's legal duty to warn or protect victims or witnesses shall be directed to the Department Legal Advisory Unit.