- 2. When dealing with victims and witnesses Officers shall, where appropriate or as required by Peel Regional Police (P.R.P.) Directive <u>I-B-713 (F)</u> or any other directives dealing with "Domestic/Family Disputes Investigation of Civil Order", either contact Victim Services of Peel directly or make referrals, noting same on the Occurrence Report, as appropriate.
- 3. Officers dealing with victims and witnesses of crime shall, where appropriate:
 - (a) provide them with the Occurrence Number and the name, bureau or unit and telephone number of the Officer responsible for the Occurrence;
 - (b) in instances where the information, as outlined in section F.3.(a) of this directive, is **not** known, provide an alternate contact appropriate to the type of incident (e.g. for a Break and Enter, the appropriate Divisional Criminal Investigation Bureau):
 - (c) direct them to immediately contact the police if intimidated or threatened by any person in relation to the incident, and advise on the use of the twenty-four (24) hour, 9-1-1 emergency number;
 - (d) provide general information concerning the subsequent steps which will be followed in processing the case and document what information was provided in the Occurrence Report, Incident History or notebook;
 - (e) **not** state the anticipated police actions unless they plan to undertake these actions personally, or are certain these actions will be carried out by another Officer (e.g. required by procedure);
 - (f) ensure the return of any property coming into the possession of this Service, as soon as possible, in accordance with P.R.P. Directives <u>I-B-150 (F)</u> "Property In-Custody Property (excluding Money, Weapons and Firearms", <u>I-B-151 (F)</u> "Property In-Custody Money" or <u>I-B-152 (F)</u> "Property In-Custody Weapons and Firearms" or any other directives dealing with same;
 - (g) remain at the scene until satisfied that there is no imminent threat to the victim, and until the victim's safety issues have been addressed;
 - (h) if necessary, arrange transportation of a victim to a shelter or a place of safety, the location of which shall remain confidential;
 - (i) if the victim has a disability, contact community resources or services to provide appropriate assistance, including transportation, care, and shelter, if necessary;
 - (j) if immigration status is an issue, advise the victim to seek independent legal advice;
 - (k) if language is a barrier, make a reasonable effort to obtain the services of an interpreter; and,