This upcoming week, April 2-8, communities throughout the nation will rally to honor and support all victims of crime. This year’s theme—Strength. Resilience. Justice.—reflects a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing. For victims, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) means that they are not alone: they and their families are not left to face the physical, mental, and financial devastation of crime without the services and support they need,” stated Tameka T. White.

“If you are a victim of crime, we believe you have rights. Our Tri-Parish Victims Assistance Program is available to provide information and emotional support as your case proceeds through the criminal court system. It is important that the criminal justice system provide the same consideration to victims that is afforded to criminal defendants,” stated District Attorney, Scott M. Perrilloux. A special ceremony in honor of area homicide victims will be held on, Thursday, April 6, 2017. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30pm at the Hammond Police Union Hall, 201 Natchez Street, Hammond, Louisiana,

The Tri-Parish Victims’ Assistance program provides services to victims of crime with active cases in the 21st Judicial District: advocacy, education, emotional support, case notification for felony and domestic cases, court escorts, and a domestic violence prosecution unit. Anyone in need of these services should contact their local district attorney’s office weekdays from 8a.m. to 4p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tameka T. White, Tri-Parish Victims Assistance Coordinator or a Victims Advocate at (225)686-3070 or (985)748-7890.