

## National Sheriffs' Association Honors Loudoun County Sheriff's Office with Crime Victim Services Award

*Association recognizes advocates for exemplary service to vulnerable populations*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit (VAU) has been honored as the [National Sheriffs' Association](#) (NSA) 2025 Crime Victim Services Award winner. The VAU is being recognized for its exceptional dedication and transformative contributions to victim advocacy. Detective Lindsay Sayre and Sheriff Michael L. Chapman will accept the award on behalf of the Unit at the NSA Annual Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Wednesday, June 25.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office VAU has established itself as a model for excellence in crime victim services. As a foundational element of the Sheriff's Office's commitment to community safety, the VAU has developed robust operational frameworks that enable it to serve **over 700 cases annually** with exceptional care and support for victims.

"I am immensely proud of this recognition for our Victim Advocate Unit and the team that has made it into an invaluable asset for so many crime victims in our county," said Mike Chapman, Sheriff, Loudoun County. "This is public service at its best, and we are committed to helping victims navigate the physical, emotional, and financial challenges they face and get the assistance they deserve."

The VAU's strong partnerships with agencies like the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Loudoun Community Corrections further underscore its integrated victim-centered approach. These collaborations ensure that victims' safety and well-being are prioritized at every stage of the criminal justice process.

"We are proud to honor Loudoun County's Victim Advocate Unit and shine a light on what's possible when a sheriff's office truly prioritizes victim-centered practices," said Kathy Witt, Sheriff, Fayette County Kentucky and Chair of the NSA Domestic Violence and Crime Victim Services Committee. "My hope is that other agencies across the country will be inspired to meet the standard set in Loudoun County."

Established in 2005 with support from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), the NSA Crime Victim Services Award recognizes outstanding achievement by a sheriff's office in support of victims. It is sponsored by Equifax, the nation's leading provider of victim notification services and provider of [VINE](#) (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).

"We're pleased to continue our sponsorship of the National Sheriffs' Association award, and are deeply proud of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office's outstanding work," said Jarrod Carnahan, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Public Safety, Equifax. "We hope their significant achievements encourage other organizations across the country to follow their lead and make a similar difference in their communities."

**About the National Sheriffs' Association**

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest associations of law enforcement professionals in the U.S., representing more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of more than 13,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-four year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as state governments and the federal government.