

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
REORGANIZATION ORDER NO. 180**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 16B.37, the following administrative reorganization is made with the prior approval of the Governor.

In order to improve efficiency and avoid duplication in the operation of state government, the powers and duties of the Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Department of Administration for the administration of crime victim programs and services, and all other powers necessary or convenient to discharge the duties transferred pursuant to this Order are transferred to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman as set forth below.

The intent of this Order is to transfer to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman the powers and duties necessary to consolidate existing crime victim programming within one agency. It is also the intent of this Order to establish an Executive Director position appointed by the governor to administer these consolidated activities. The Departments of Administration, Corrections, and Public Safety shall cooperate with each other to facilitate and carry out the intent of this Order. Together, the departments shall report to the governor on the progress of the transfer of powers and duties and recommend any necessary adjustments needed to further improve efficiency and avoid duplication.

The following powers and duties of the Department of Corrections are transferred to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman:

1. Crime victim and prevention services activities, including the responsibilities of the crime victim prevention division, funded and/or authorized under Laws 1997, Chapter 239, Art. 1, section 12, subd. 5.
2. The sexual assault advisory council (Minn. Stat. § 611A.25), including the duties and powers in Minn. Stat. § 611A.20 to § 611A.25.
3. The general crime victims advisory council (Minn. Stat. § 611A.361).
4. The battered women advisory council (Minn. Stat. § 611A.34), including the duties and powers in Minn. Stat. § 611A.31 to § 611A.36.
5. Crime victim crisis centers (Minn. Stat. §§ 611A.41, 611A.43)

The following powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety are transferred to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman:

1. Crime victim services activities, including the responsibilities of the crime victims services division, funded and/or authorized under Laws 1997, Chapter 239, Art. 1, section 7, subd. 6.

2. The Minnesota crime victim and witness advisory council (Minn. Stat. § 611A.71), including grant authority under Laws 1997, Chapter 239, Art. 1, § 7, subd. 6.
3. The crime victim reparations board (Minn. Stat. § 611A.55), including the duties and powers in Minn. Stat. § 611A.51 to § 611A.68.
4. Biennial crime victim program report (Minn. Stat. § 611A.75).
5. Operation of the victim services telephone line (Minn. Stat. § 611A.76).

The following duty of the Department of Administration is transferred to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman:

1. The crime victim services roundtable (Minn. Stat. § 611A.78).

Consistent with this transfer of powers and duties, all affected personnel, with all accrued benefits, are transferred from the Departments of Corrections and Public Safety to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as abrogating or modifying any rights now enjoyed by affected employees under the managerial or commissioner's plan under Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 43A.18, or the terms of an agreement between an exclusive representative of public employees and the state or one of its appointing authorities.

The Departments of Corrections and Public Safety shall give to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman all contracts, books, maps, plans, papers, records, supplies, and equipment relating to the transferred activities.

Rulemaking authority for the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety associated with any transferred crime victim activity is transferred to the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman. All rules adopted by the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety pursuant to these duties remain in effect and shall be enforced until amended or repealed in accordance with law by the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman.

The Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman is the legal successor in all respects of the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety in regard to the transferred duties.

The bonds, resolutions, contracts, and liabilities of the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety become the bonds, resolutions, contracts, and liabilities of the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman.

Any proceeding, court action, prosecution, or other business or matter pending on the effective date of the transfer may be conducted and completed by the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman in the same manner under the same terms and conditions, and with the same effect, as though it involved or were commenced and conducted or completed prior to the transfer by the Department of Corrections or Department of Public Safety.

The Commissioner of Finance shall make the necessary financial determinations in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 16B.37, subdivision 3.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 16B.37, subdivision 2, this Order is effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until amended or superseded.

APPROVED:

  
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ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR

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ELAINE S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER,  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

1-12-98  
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JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

2/13/98  
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