

## PBC Victims' Rights Week events, April 23-29

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# Palm Beach County Hosts Events in Observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week

The theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 23-29, 2023, is "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change." This week is a time for all Americans to learn about victimization, reflect on the cost of crime to our society, and promote laws, policies and programs to help victims of crime rebuild their lives.

All activities are open to the public.

### Monday, April 24, 8:30-11 a.m.

Palm Beach Victims' Rights Coalition's Opening Ceremony with Palm Beach County (PBC) Victim Services Officer of the Year Award, Victim Testament & FBI Agent of the Year Award.

Location: West Palm Beach Police Department, 600 Banyan Blvd, West Palm Beach, 33401

Contact: Carrie Gale, [cgale@pbcgov.org](mailto:cgale@pbcgov.org).

### Tuesday, April 25, 8:30-11 a.m.

Ceremony in the Garden Honoring All Crime Victims in Palm Beach County

Join Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center for the 12th anniversary of the Ceremony in the Garden to honor all crime victims in PBC with healing activities to include their personal stories, the presence of therapy dogs and the opportunity to participate in guided relaxation.

Location: Mounts Botanical Garden, Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, 33415

Contact: Jannifer Diaz, 561-274-1500

### Tuesday, April 25, 1-3 p.m. via zoom

Coalition for Independent Living Options presents "Speak"

Four survivors who will share their experiences along with what it takes for survivors to feel heard, confident, and supported. \_

Contact: Carla Pazmino, 561-966-4288, ext. 215 or [cpazmino@cilo.org](mailto:cpazmino@cilo.org)

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rape Aggression Defense

Overview by Delray Beach Police Department. Nationally renowned self-defense course. Women only. Class is limited to 50 women. |

Location: 2350 Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach

Contact: Dawn Terrizzi, 561-243-7850

Wednesday, April 26, 10-11 a.m. via Zoom

Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO) Virtual Open House

Learn about the services offered by CILO to assist crime victims with maintaining their independence.

Contact: Laura Cusack at [lcusack@cilo.org](mailto:lcusack@cilo.org)

Wednesday, April 26, 2-4 p.m.

Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center presents Denim Day 2023

This information session and panel discussion with professionals in the community will focus on the purpose of Denim Day and the topic of consent.

Location: South County Courthouse, 200 W Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, 33444

Contact: Jannifer Diaz, [jdiaz2@pbcgov.org](mailto:jdiaz2@pbcgov.org)

Wednesday, April 26, noon – 1 p.m., via Zoom

How Chapter 39 Protects Child Victims of Sexual Abuse, presented by Marissa Dass Esq. and Stacey Carter-Ogman, Esq.

Learn about the Keeping Children Safe Act and how to protect children who have been victims of sexual abuse or exploitation.

Contact: Alexander Veal, [alexander.veal@gal.fl.gov](mailto:alexander.veal@gal.fl.gov)

Thursday, April 27, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

41st annual Crime Victim's Rights Week Awards Luncheon

The Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition presents keynote speaker, Acting Assistant Chief Leonard Mitchell, from the Palm Beach County School District. There will also be prizes for the ticket auction.

Proceeds from the auction are used to fund the annual events supporting crime victims, their rights and their families. Location: Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, 33406

Contact: Carrie Gale 561-624-6656 or [cgale@pbcgov.org](mailto:cgale@pbcgov.org)

Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.

11th annual Walk for Victim's Rights Giving Crime Victims a Voice

State Attorney Dave Aronberg along with his four-legged best friend, Geddy, will lead the Walk for Victims' Rights along the scenic Intracoastal Waterway. The walk is approximately one mile. All crime victims and their families are invited to join at no charge.

Presenter: State Attorney's Office, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Location: Palm Beach Shores Community Center 90 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores, 33404

Registration: register online, Office of the State Attorney 15th Judicial Circuit website, [www.sa15.org](http://www.sa15.org)

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