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NIWAP Newsletter: November 2018

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Adopts Resolution on Education and Awareness of U and T Visa Certifications

We are pleased to share International Association of Chiefs of Police's (IACP) Resolution Support for Education and Awareness on U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations. We would like to thank the IACP and the leadership of Chief David Porter, Chair of the Victim Services Committee, who sponsored the Resolution, and the Police Investigative Operations Committee and the Forensic Science Committee who co-sponsored the Resolution.

This Resolution is important to furthering community policing with immigrant crime victims and immigrant communities. IACP recognizes that U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations are important crime fight tools. By signing U Visa Certifications or T Visa Declarations, police departments create means to reduce crimes by encouraging the reporting of violent crimes and presents the opportunity to build trust and work closely with members of the local immigrant community. The Resolution is a significant step to promote officer safety, improve community safety, and protect immigrant crime victims. The U Visa and T Visa Certification Resolution can be found in the IACP Resolutions published November of 2018 as Resolution number **VSC.18.t2018**. **Visit our webpage that contains a link to the Resolution and other helpful resources and information [here](#).**

For a copy of the Education and Awareness of U Visa Certification and T Visa Declaration Resolution specifically and T Visa Certifications Resolution see

- [IACP Resolution VSC.18.t2018: Support for Education and Awareness on U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations](#)

A full document of all of the resolutions adopted by the IACP in November 2018 with the (Updated Nov. 2018): [International Association of Chiefs of Police 2018 Resolutions \(Nov 2018\)](#)

- Resolution VSC.18.t2018 can be found on pages 30-31.

A model law enforcement agency policy on U visa and T visa certification was developed by 9 law enforcement agencies in collaboration with NIWAP and with expert input from U.S. Department of Homeland Security staff. The following model policy and discussion paper in support of the model policy were developed with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice.

- [Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human](#)
- [Trafficking and Signing U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations Discussion Paper for Model Policy for Interactions with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Human Trafficking & Signing of U Visa Certifications and T Visa Declarations](#)
- [U and T Visa Model Policies and Toolkit](#)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides expert advice and with excellent questions and answers regarding U and T visa certification statutes, regulations, policies, procedures and best practices in this 2015 guide.

- [U and T Visa Law Enforcement Resource Guide for Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Judges, and Other Government Agencies \(November 30, 2015\)](#)
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Important Training and Educational Resources for Law Enforcement Agencies on the U and T Visa Certification Programs

- [Overcoming Fear and Building Trust with Immigrant Communities and Crime Victims \(Police Chief Magazine, April 2018\)](#)
- [U Visa Toolkit for Law Enforcement Agencies and Prosecutors \(October 2018\)](#)
- [Training Materials and Webinars on U Visa Certification \(2018\)](#)
- [Training Materials: Law Enforcement \(December 2018\)](#)

Publications by the Police Executive Research Forum

- [U Visas and the Role of Local Police In Preventing and Investigating Crimes Against Immigrant \(Jun-Aug 2017\)](#)
- [T Visas Protect Victims of Human Trafficking And Strengthen Community Relationships \(2018\)](#)

Direct Officer to Officer & Prosecutor to Prosecutor Technical Assistance

We Offer Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors

We provide free direct technical assistance and training for police, sheriffs and prosecutors, and other professionals whose work affects immigrant women, children, and immigrant crime victims at the Federal, State and local levels funded by Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Topics include: immigration law (VAWA, T and U visas), VAWA confidentiality, legal services and language access.

We also have a directory of service providers at <http://directory.niwap.org>.

Our technical assistance is available at info@niwap.org and 202-274-4457.

We Can Offer OVW funded Training for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors in Your Jurisdiction

“Best Practices: Immigrant Crime Victims, Language Access and the U Visa”

NIWAP provides free training on the use of the U and T visa and crime scene language access best practices to improve law enforcement’s and prosecutors’ work with immigrant and limited English proficient (LEP) victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. This training is for law enforcement only. If you are a law enforcement officer or work for a prosecutor’s office or state government agency you can request a free training by clicking [here](#).

Save Your Seat At Our Virtual Roundtable for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors

LEARN MORE about U Visa certification for immigrant victims of crime by joining bimonthly roundtable discussions for law enforcement officers and prosecutors. These roundtables are led by our law enforcement faculty and also provide an opportunity for attendees to seek peer-to-peer assistance. This one hour roundtable is designed to address best practices and answer questions on U visa certification and language access and how each plays a crucial role in improving victim, officer, and community safety. You must register prior to the call by clicking [here](#).

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