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## County Raises Awareness for Victim Rights at 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Rally & Walk

**Carlisle PA** – The Cumberland County District Attorney’s Office tonight commemorated National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (April 24–30) with its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Victims’ Rights Rally and One Mile Walk. This year’s theme is ***Rights, Access, Equity, for all victims*** and to help crime survivors find their justice. The event raises awareness about crime victims’ rights and provides victims information about resources and services available to them.

### Awards presented:

- **The Cumberland County M.L. Skip Ebert, Jr. Legacy Award:** presented to former District Attorney Skip Ebert, by current District Attorney Sean McCormack.
- **The Cumberland County Victim Advocacy Award for Law Enforcement:** presented to Trooper Alexander Kydd, by Courtney Hair LaRue, First ADA, Lauren Perchinski Senior ADA, and Adrienne Vaughn, Victim Services Division.
- **Volunteer Recognition, YWCA Sexual Assault Rape Crisis Services Volunteer Award:** presented to Helena Cicero, by Lily Duarte Evans, program director.
- **Volunteer Recognition, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties:** presented to Jean Smith, by Sonya Browne, executive director.

**Speakers included:** Cumberland County District Attorney Sean McCormack, Commissioner Jean Foschi, Crime Victim Survivor Erika Murray-Shambaugh, and Domestic Violence Survivor Kristal Markel, and closing remarks by Sarah Junkins, Victim Services Division.

**Background:** The Cumberland County Victim Services Division of the District Attorney’s Office, was established to assist victims and witnesses of crime during their involvement with the criminal justice system. The office strives to help victims recover from the physical, emotional, and financial impact of the crime. The goal of the office is to ensure that victims’ rights are met, and all concerns and needs are addressed. The rally begins at the historic courthouse and commences with a one mile walk around town.

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