

Aimee Shinall – Victim Services Coordinator, Peoria County Sheriff’s Office

Aimee Shinall comes from a proud legacy of law enforcement professionals and knew early in life that she was destined to follow in their footsteps. Inspired by the service of her father, brother, and grandparents—including her grandmother, who made history as the first female Sheriff in the state of Illinois—Aimee has dedicated her career to serving others through the justice system.

She studied Law Enforcement at Illinois Central College and earned her degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois–Springfield. Her professional background includes work with the Illinois State Police Zone 4 Investigations Unit and the Peoria Police Department. Currently, she serves as the Victim Services Coordinator for the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office, where she guides victims from initial contact through the final verdict, ensuring they understand their rights and the legal process.

Aimee also holds the title of Elderly Service Officer for the department and is trained as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer. Her dedication extends well beyond her formal role, as she actively contributes to numerous community-based initiatives. These include the Illinois State TRIAD, Peoria County TRIAD, Safe from the Start, and the Peoria County Fatality Review Team, where she serves as Co-Chair. She also participates in the Adult Protective Services M-Team, the State and Central Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force, the Family Violence Coordinating Council for the 10th Judicial District, the Home for All Continuum, and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Coordinator for the 10th Judicial Circuit. Each of these efforts directly supports her mission of advocacy and care for victims.

Aimee shares her extensive knowledge through community education, such as her “Don’t Be a Victim” workshop at Illinois Central College. This program covers personal safety, identity theft prevention, victimization awareness, and steps to take if victimized. In addition, she leads a local support group for crime victims through Peace Love, held at the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office, and conducts support sessions for female detainees at the Peoria County Jail.

Aimee Shinall will provide a wealth of knowledge on how to keep you and your family safe. Discussed in this workshop are topics such as: How to protect yourself against identity theft, how to avoid falling victim to common scams, how to protect yourself and your property from residential burglary, and how to recognize, avoid, and escape abusive behaviors. These are only a handful of the items that will be covered in this noteworthy workshop for anyone who wants to avoid becoming a victim.

Aimee Shinall is a passionate advocate, educator, and protector, continually working to ensure that victims are heard, supported, and empowered throughout their journey toward justice.