San Diego County District Attorney's Office
VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Penal Code 13835
- Assist all victims of crime whether or not a suspect is apprehended
- Victim: anyone who is physically, emotionally, or financially affected by a crime
- Advocates located in all courthouses, SDPD and SDSO Headquarters

MANDATED SERVICES

- Needs assessment
- Problem solving
- Resource/referral
- Emergency assistance
- Follow-up
- Case status
- Orientation to CJS
- Court/Interview accompaniment
- Victim impact statements

TERRORISM / MASS VIOLENCE RESPONSE

- **Reunification Center**
- **Family Assistance Center**
- **Services**
  - Trauma Informed Crisis Intervention
  - Support Animal
  - Debriefing
  - Referrals to local resources
  - Emergency Assistance
  - Victim Compensation Board Applications
    - Local Claims Staff

VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD

http://www.vcgcb.ca.gov/victims

STATE OF CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

- Funded through fines and penalties
  - No tax dollars used
- Not available to victims of property crimes except medical equipment
- Payer of last resort
- $70,000 claim maximum

STATE OF CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

- Crime must occur in CA or victim must be CA resident if crime occurred elsewhere
- Cooperation with law enforcement
- No illegal activity/contribution
- Not available for PC 290 registrants
- Not available if victim is incarcerated, on parole, or felony probation

CALIFORNIA CalVCB VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD

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COVERED CRIMES

- Mass Violence
- Homicide
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Vehicular Manslaughter
- Elder Abuse
- Terrorism
- Assault
- Stalking
- Kidnapping
- Human Trafficking
- Robbery
- DUI/Hit and Run
- Hate Crimes

COVERED EXPENSES

Expenses must be directly related to the crime

- Mental Health Counseling
- Medical/Dental
- Relocation ($2000)
- Home Security Improvements ($1000)
- Wage/Support loss
- Funeral/Burial ($7500)

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