



County of San Bernardino
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Crime Victims

- Domestic Violence
- Juvenile Crimes
- Stalking
- Assault
- Elder Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Rape
- Murder
- Vehicular Manslaughter
- DUI with Death or Injury
- Child Abuse (Physical/Sexual)
- Gang Violence

Marsy's Law

The voters passed the "Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law" on November 4, 2008. Marsy's Law changes the constitution of California to provide a general Victims' Bill of Rights during criminal, juvenile and parole matters.

Among these rights are:

- To be reasonably protected from the defendant.
- To prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant.
- To be informed, upon request, of the conviction, sentence, place & time of incarceration, or other disposition and the scheduled release date of the defendant.

Criminal Justice Process – The Advocate's Role

- Advise victims of charges filed by DA's Office & future updates on court dates
- Advise of plea agreement offers
- Request CPOs for victims upon request
- Requests for Restitution – advise victims of what documentation is needed
- Schedule meetings with victim and assigned DDA
- Provide court support (sometimes Advocate can sit on stand w/victim, K9 Unit)
- Sentencing – Victim Impact Statements

Financial Resources

- Emergency Purchase Cards
 - Stater Bros.
 - Walmart
 - Target
- Emergency Hotel Stay
- CalVCB – Victim Compensation Claims
 - Funding comes from restitution paid by criminal offenders through fines & orders.
 - Benefits Available through CalVCB
 - Medical bills/co-pays
 - Counseling
 - Loss of Income – Time off work due to crime related injuries
 - Relocation – up to \$3,418 - Law Enforcement Verification form needed
 - Home Security – up to \$1000
 - Funeral / Burial – up to \$12,818 - In Lieu of Crime Report form needed
 - Crime Scene Clean-up – up to \$1,709
 - Qualifications
 - Crime Occurs in California
 - Law Enforcement Report
 - Cooperate with Law Enforcement
 - Victims on active Felony Probation or Parole for a violent felony are not eligible
 - Contribution
 - 7 Year Time Frame for filing a claim