



Maryland State

Board of Victim Services



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FY 2009 - FY 2010



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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
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Dear Governor O'Malley:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services, we are pleased to respectfully submit this comprehensive report covering fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The Board, which is coordinated through the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, is required by State Government Article, Section 11-911 through 11-919 of the Criminal Procedure Code, to provide you with this biennial report and recommendations as part of its legislative mandate.

This report includes recommendations for the improvement of crime victims' rights and services in Maryland, as well as information on the administration of the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund. It also documents the increasing activities and initiatives the Board has undertaken during this period of time. This report is submitted, as mandated, to the Governor, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

As you know, Maryland has established a distinguished record of service to those who suffer the undeserved consequences of criminal violence. In terms of statutory and constitutional victims' rights and services, our State is recognized as a national leader. The future for Maryland criminal justice agencies to uphold victims' rights laws, while promising, remains a continuing challenge. The State Board of Victim Services strives to expand opportunities to inform and educate criminal justice agencies regarding their obligations to crime victims under Maryland law. This effort began with the first Crime Victims' Rights & Compliance Conference in 2008 and continues today in numerous local community conferences and through the annual Roper State Victim Assistance Academy. This year, the State Board expanded community outreach by conducting four regional Town Hall Meetings to educate, inform and assess the needs of crime victims in our communities. The State Board provides a voice for crime victims in Maryland. As a result of assessing those needs, the Board submits its recommendations to you.

For more than twenty years, Maryland has held statewide Memorial Services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week to remember crime victims who have paid the ultimate price with their lives. Likewise, the State Board has honored individuals and professional service providers for their outstanding service to crime victims through the annual Governor's Awards Luncheon. These events not only recognize the dedication and commitment of many individuals, but also create greater public awareness of the plight of crime victims. We invite you to demonstrate your caring support by attending the Governor's Awards Luncheon and Ceremony.

We are very proud of the dedicated work of the State Board, its Coordinator, Compliance Coordinator, Program Assistant and the staff of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. We are honored to support you in our shared goals, and to see those efforts benefiting the needs of crime victims in our State. While Maryland can be justly proud of its past progress in improving the plight of crime victims we must never forget that anyone can become a victim of crime. All crime victims should be treated with the dignity, respect and sensitivity they deserve.

Sincerely,

Kristen Mahoney
Executive Director

Roberta Roper
Chair, State Board of Victim Services

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

To ensure that all crime victims in the State of Maryland receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services.

Biennial Report FY2009 – FY2010

I. Overview

The Maryland State Board of Victim Services (Board) and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) are pleased to present this report for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. The biennial report highlights the important work carried out by the State Board and GOCCP staff, who works in partnership with victim service providers, localities, state agencies and the Federal government to better serve Maryland crime victims. This report encompasses the Board's activities for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010. The Board members continue their efforts to improve the treatment of crime victims through legislative action, working collectively with criminal justice agencies and private non-profit organizations, creating and expanding innovative initiatives and by welcoming feedback and suggestions from individuals and communities across the state.

II. State Board of Victim Services

In 1988, the Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of the Victim Services Coordinator. This was done for the purpose of monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The Maryland General Assembly recognized the unique and distinctive needs of crime victims and created the State Board of Victim Services. The Board's purpose is to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity, respect and compassion during all phases of the criminal justice process. In 1991, under the authority of GOCCP, the Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund to provide funding support for victim services. Money from this fund is generated through fees collected by the courts from defendants, which is subsequently used to award grant projects that provide direct services to help crime victims. The State Board and GOCCP then administer and manage the MVOC grant projects.

On a National perspective, the State Board is a unique entity. Overall, Maryland is a leader in this respect. The GOCCP continues to support the State Board, while still allowing them to take the lead and set their own priorities on statewide crime victim issues.

Updates

In June 2010, planning began for four regional fall town hall meetings eventually titled, *A Town Hall Meeting: A Voice for Crime Victims*. The purpose of the town hall meetings was to provide crime victims, their families, service providers and citizens a platform to voice their opinions before a panel of state and local government representatives. In turn, the panel members listened to suggestions and

concerns from the speakers. Minutes from each meeting were used to focus attention on the issues raised and to convene a crime victim's forum where these issues were further discussed. A final report with recommendations will be submitted to the Governor by July 2011

Technology is paramount in keeping crime victims and citizens who are involved in the criminal justice system informed and notified about upcoming criminal court cases and offender custody status changes at the local detention centers and state prisons. Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) continues to grow and expand in the State of Maryland. The State Board's VINE Committee offers guidance, direction and advice for this state funded initiative that is monitored by the State Coordinator.

Created in 2003, the Roper Victim Assistance Academy (RVAAM) has not only survived these challenging economic times, it has thrived and excelled. Modeled on the National Victim Assistance Academy, the RVAAM is a 40-hour, academically-based education and training program that covers a broad array of topics in victim's rights, victim advocacy and victim and witness services in the criminal adult and juvenile justice system. Through resourcefulness and creative measures Dr. Debra Stanley, the project director of RVAAM, has created a model for other state victim assistance academies.

Overall, Maryland is a front-runner in coordinating services that crime victim service professionals have come to rely on in Maryland. By expanding funding beyond mainstream victim service programs, the State Board has creatively supported grassroots, nonprofit, community and faith-based victim supported organizations. In some cases, projects require minimal financial support to succeed and thrive; on a small budget they can offer support, collaboration and resourcefulness as the solution to a successful project.

In 2007 the Maryland General Assembly amended the MVOC grant program, and added the Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) Fund. The LSCV was created to ensure that the money obtained from unclaimed restitution under § 17-317 (a)(3)(i) of the Commercial Law Article is used for annual grants to provide legal counsel to victims of crime and delinquent acts and to protect the victims' rights as provided by law (Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure §11-919 (c) (2)). On July 1, 2008, Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) Fund started its first year of funding through one grant that supported an attorney at a statewide sexual assault legal center. The same sexual assault center would then receive a second award the following year, and continue to staff the same attorney who provides legal counseling in the criminal court system.

The Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL) continues to work collaboratively with the State Coordinator to improve and expand crime victim resources on the locator website. The Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland, College Park oversees the MDCSL project and is funded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP). The State Coordinator collaborates with the project director as a representative of the crime victim services community to improve functionality of the program. MDCSL is a public website that provides a host of local service programs and human resources. MDCSL is currently working to expand their database with additional resources and improve the website with user-friendly tools.

On July 29, 2008, Glenn Ivey, State's Attorney for Prince George's County convened a roundtable discussion that centered on improving county services and bringing awareness to existing resources for survivors of homicide. Mr. Ivey's goal was to improve the County's crime victim services through the development of a needs assessment. This effort also brings together local criminal justice agencies and non-profit organizations and increase community outreach to crime victims.

Kristen Mahoney, Executive Director, GOCCP, and Anne Litecky, Victim Services Coordinator, attended the Roundtable Discussion and offered to assist Mr. Ivey with reaching his objectives. As a result of this collaborative effort, GOCCP has created statistical mapping.

In the spring of 2008, Robin Woolford, then Executive Director, the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) provided a report to the State Board about a Focus Group that was conducted months prior. The impetus of the Focus Group was to take a close look at some of the complaints filed by clients and service *providers about CICB practices and procedures and then respond by making recommendations for improvement in services to victims.* Following a two day CICB staff retreat, “new and improved” CICB recommendations were rolled out and put into practice. Participants were informed that over six (6) million dollars was disbursed over the last year to clients with an average pay-out time of 143 days, the goal being ninety (90) days. As a result of that retreat, claims will be filed online and staff will be evaluated on a regular basis with the focus on customer service. To further improve the operations of CICB, Secretary Gary Maynard set in motion a Kaizen Group. Kaizen, the Japanese term for “improvement” or “change for the better”, refers to philosophy or practices that focus upon continuous improvement of processes in manufacturing, engineering, supporting business processes, and management systems. The Kaizen Team members included crime victims, a few State Board members and staff, as well as others from the field who served crime victims. The Kaizen Team has proven to be a catalyst and transform CICB into a crime “victim friendly” agency that provides faster and more efficient service to crime victims while improving the internal processing of CICB claims.

In 2009, a Crime Victim Statewide Funding Map was presented to the State Board and posted on the GOCCP website. The colorful maps noted the majority of Federal and State crime victim funding sources available for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007, including Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) fund, Violence Against Women ACT (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund under the authority of the Department of Human Resources Governor’s Office of Grants Management and United Way’s Impact Partner Fund. The legend provides color-coding of crime victim funders and the amount of money provided to grantees over the three year period. Map funding reflects grant awards, not grant application submissions or community needs. The maps are not used to determine who will or will not receive an award, but instead are used for general grant statistical information and possible research.

In 2010, the State Board unanimously voted to support shifting MVOC three year continuation grants from decreased funding to level funding. Beginning July 1, 2010, FY 2012 MVOC award recipients will receive up to \$35,000 of level funding over a three year period.

III. State Board of Victim Services Meetings and Membership

The State Board of Victim Services continues to abide by its traditional meeting agenda, scheduling Board meetings one year in advance for the first Wednesday of each month. The State Board held Nineteen (19) State Board meetings during the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. During this time, respective committees met periodically.

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-912, the State Board of Victim Services - Membership as of December 31, 2008 is composed of the following members:

Roberta Roper	Chair
Ellen Alexander	Service Provider
Barbara Bond	Office of the Attorney General's Designee
Chief Walter T. Coryell	MD Association of Chiefs of Police
Jessica Dickerson	Department of Juvenile Services
Cortney Fisher	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
The Honorable Laura Martin	State's Attorney
Kristen Mahoney, Esquire	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Patricia Marshall	Service Provider
Kathleen O'Brien	Public Member
Margery Patten	Public Member
Sandy S. Roberts, Esquire	MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
Bonnita Spikes	Public Member
Debra Tall	Service Provider
Deborah A. Unitus	State Judiciary's Designee
The Honorable Frank R. Weathersbee	State's Attorney
Ginni Wolf	Public Member
Jeanne Yeager	Service Provider
Vacant	Department of Human Resources
Vacant	MD Sheriff's Association
Vacant	Public Member
Vacant	Public Member

FY 2009 and FY 2010 Former Members

The Honorable Glenn F. Ivey	State's Attorney
Kap Yung Park	Public Member
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill	Service Provider
Johnny Rice, II	Department of Human Resources
Robin Woolford	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Board Vacancies

As of December 2010, the State Board is operating with a total of four (4) membership vacancies: two (2) public, one (1) Department of Human Resources and one (1) State Sheriff's Association. Of these vacancies, Governor O'Malley has appointments pending for two (2) Public memberships.

The State Board of Victim Services Staff

Full-Time Staff

Anne Marie Litecky, State Victim Services Coordinator
Shirley Haas, Victim Rights Compliance Coordinator
Nakita Long, Program Assistant

Part-Time Staff

Donna Fleck, Administrative Assistant (retired January 2010)
Carol Mackowiak, Fiscal Administrator

Staff Job Descriptions

State Victim Services Coordinator

The Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of State Victim Services Coordinator (State Coordinator) in 1988. The State Board and the State Coordinator are charged with the responsibility of monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations to the Governor concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The State Coordinator is located within the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, and serves under the authority of the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The State Coordinator has the overall responsibility for program development and program operations, as well as administering the provisions of the State Board of Victim Services. The State Coordinator provides staff support to the State Board on victim service matters while providing technical assistance to local public and private programs that provide victim assistance. The State Coordinator also performs research and gathers data on victims and victim assistance programs, and disseminates that data to the public.

Anne Litecky has served as the State Coordinator since 2003.

Victim Rights Compliance Coordinator

The Victims' Right's Compliance Coordinator (Compliance Coordinator) serves as an assistant to the State Coordinator, and performs as a specialist (expert) on victims' rights to advise criminal justice agencies. The Compliance Coordinator acts to promote and facilitate voluntary, efficient and effective compliance with laws; analyzes agency implementation practices, policies, procedures, and tools; recommends and resolves complicated questions and problems between victims and service providers in a non-adversarial manner through the State Board's Compliance Initiative. The Compliance Coordinator recommends, develops and provides training to professionals and the general public, as needed and practicable.

Shirley Haas has served as the Compliance Coordinator since 2003.

MVOC Program Assistant

The Program Assistant provides support to the State Coordinator and assists with all aspects of the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) grant cycle process. The Program Assistant also assists with related State events for Annual National Crime Victim Rights Week and assists the Compliance Coordinator with the Compliance Initiative Toll-Free Call Line.

Nakita Long has served in this capacity since November 2009.

Administrative Assistant

Donna Fleck has been working full-time with GOCCP since 1990. In 1994, Donna was reassigned to work as the Administrative Assistant for the Board in addition to working with the STOP VAWA Program. Donna retired in January 2010.

IV. State Board of Victim Services Initiatives

A Town Hall Meeting: A Voice for Crime Victims In the spring of 2010, the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) with the support of the State Board began planning four statewide regional town hall meetings that were held later that fall. Titled; *Town Hall Meeting: A Voice for Crime Victims*, the purpose of the town hall meetings provided crime victims, their families and citizens a platform to voice opinions, suggestions and concerns about crime victimization to state and local government representatives. Subsequently, once information was gathered a report was implemented based on input from participants at the Town Hall meetings along with feedback from stakeholders and experts in the field of victimology. No Maryland community is immune to crime. With that said, each community is unique to the nature of crime that plagues them. Through police crime data, national research and statewide funding we can follow crime trends; however it is through personal contact that one uncovers the pulse of a community. When planning the statewide regional town hall meetings it was imperative to have the four regions of the state well represented. With this in mind, local service providers, criminal justice agencies, private non-profit organizations and elected and appointed officials were invited to sit on the panel or be in attendance.

A final report with recommendations will be submitted to the Governor by July 2011.

Website: In 2006, GOCCP, working in conjunction with the State Board, dramatically improved and expanded its webpage to include initiatives, information, crime victim rights, annual events, maps, mandated crime victim materials, crime victim related research and publications. Spring 2008, National Crime Victim Rights Week listings included: Maryland Crime Victim Rights Week Calendar of Events, Regional Statewide Memorial Services at www.goccp.maryland.gov.

Public Awareness -Enhance Awareness of Victim Rights and Services: Although a number of crime victim-related laws were passed over the last two years (see Appendix G and Appendix H), many victims of crime are still unaware of their rights. Through the Compliance Initiative and the VINE Initiative, crime victim rights information is shared at public meetings and functions, and added to printed materials.

Technical Assistance and Information Sharing: The Victim Services Coordinator, a legislatively mandated staff position in GOCCP, assists in making promising practices and strategies known to victim assistance personnel across the state through hands-on technical assistance for new and expanding programs.

Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) Initiative: VINE is an information service that provides victims of crime with dates for upcoming court hearings, custody status of offenders in local jails and state prisons, as well as parole and probation notification. The Maryland State Board of Victim Services understands that many crime victims would like advance notification for court hearings, and changes in an offender's custody, parole and probation status. Since its inception in 2000, VINE has not only fulfilled this need for victims of crime in Maryland, but they have worked diligently with GOCCP in recent years to simplify, improve and expand the technology of the VINE system.

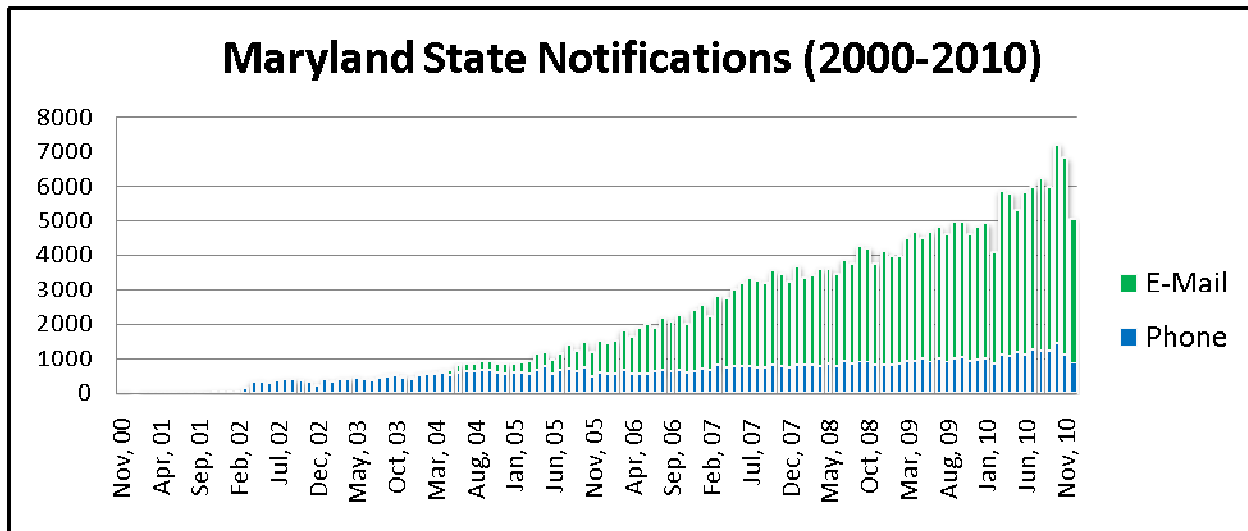
VINE Protective Order (VPO): In 2010, Maryland received a Federal grant for a new automated notification system that notifies domestic violence victims when Protective Orders have been served. VINE Protective Order (VPO) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in English and Spanish with 24-hour VINE Operator Assistance. VPO also provides protective order case information to petitioners, victim advocates, and law enforcement. The VPO database is not searchable by name. Access to protective order information and notification is restricted to those with a protective order case number.

VINE Parole and Probation: In the Spring of 2010, Maryland went live with the expansion of the VINE system to include offenders on parole or probation. Through a Federal grant, criminal justice agencies including police officers, detectives and agents may now utilize VINE on a daily basis to track offenders and assist with notifying crime victims. In the majority of cases monitored by the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), agents will use VINE to ensure timely court, custody and parole or probation information is made available to crime victims. Agents will also monitor their cases and be notified by VINE when they are required to attend court hearings. Most importantly, crime victims have instantaneous access to information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. VINE parole and probation provides notification includes: Release from Supervision, Change in Supervising Agent, Transfer In/Out of State, and Change in Supervision Status. In the Fall of 2011, it is proposed that the notifications will also include: Violation Hearing and Violation Hearing Results (revoked/guilty, continued/not guilty and continued).

Information and Notification on Offenders overseen by DPP is now available via MD VINE. Call 866-634-8463 and follow the directions or go to www.VINELink.com and select the “offenders on Probation or Parole” button (see below) and follow the prompts

VINE operates through a fully automated computer service that electronically links a national call center located in Louisville, Kentucky with District and Circuit courts, all 24 detention centers and the state prison system. When new offender court case or custody status information is sent to the VINE Call Center, VINE compares the offender information to a list of individuals who have previously registered with the service. When it finds a match, it immediately places calls or emails to the appropriate registered victim or person. Updated offender records are automatically sent to the center as often as every 15 minutes and court records are received once a day. VINE’s fully automated system is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

VINE Notifications and Registrations Over the Years



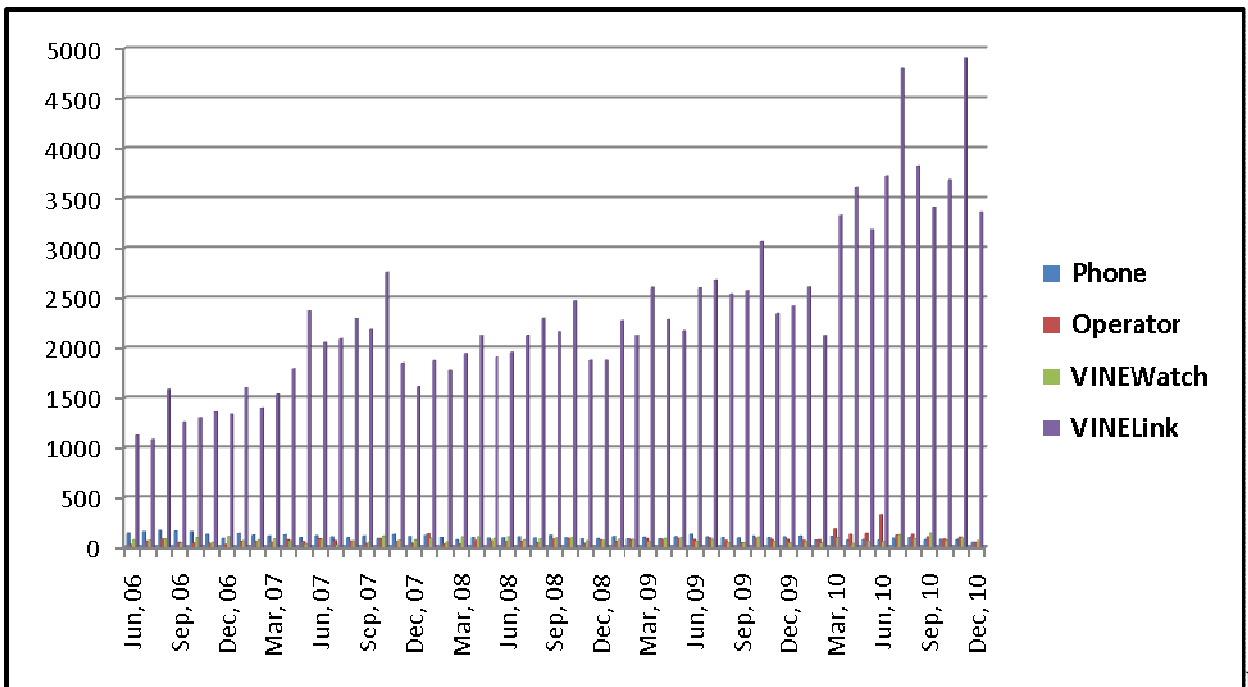
Custody and Court Notification 2003 - 2008

This graph illustrates the dramatic increase in email notification.

Email Notifications

- Option to customize email notification with name, address, information and referrals; and
- Increase usage in email notification and decrease usage in phone usage.

Registrations by Process



Enhancements

VINELink

- VINE campaign expanding to include regional jurisdictions;
- Print Additional informational VINE animation on the home page;
- Disclaimer pop-up confirmation screen prior to performing searches and registrations;
- Sex offenders that are listed in the Maryland Sex Offender Registry are now included in VINE courts and custody;
- VINELink is linked with the Maryland Department Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Sex Offender Registry Websites;
- Dramatic increase in online usage over the last year;
- In 2009, Maryland had the 6th highest VINE usage in the country; and
- Planning and development for consideration to include text notification.

VINEWatch

- Under the FAQ section, a new hyperlink connects to the latest VINE toll-free phone numbers;
- Improved administrative features to track agency accounts including user created, time created, and number of total user role accounts; and
- Search statistics are now available in the Statistics Report.

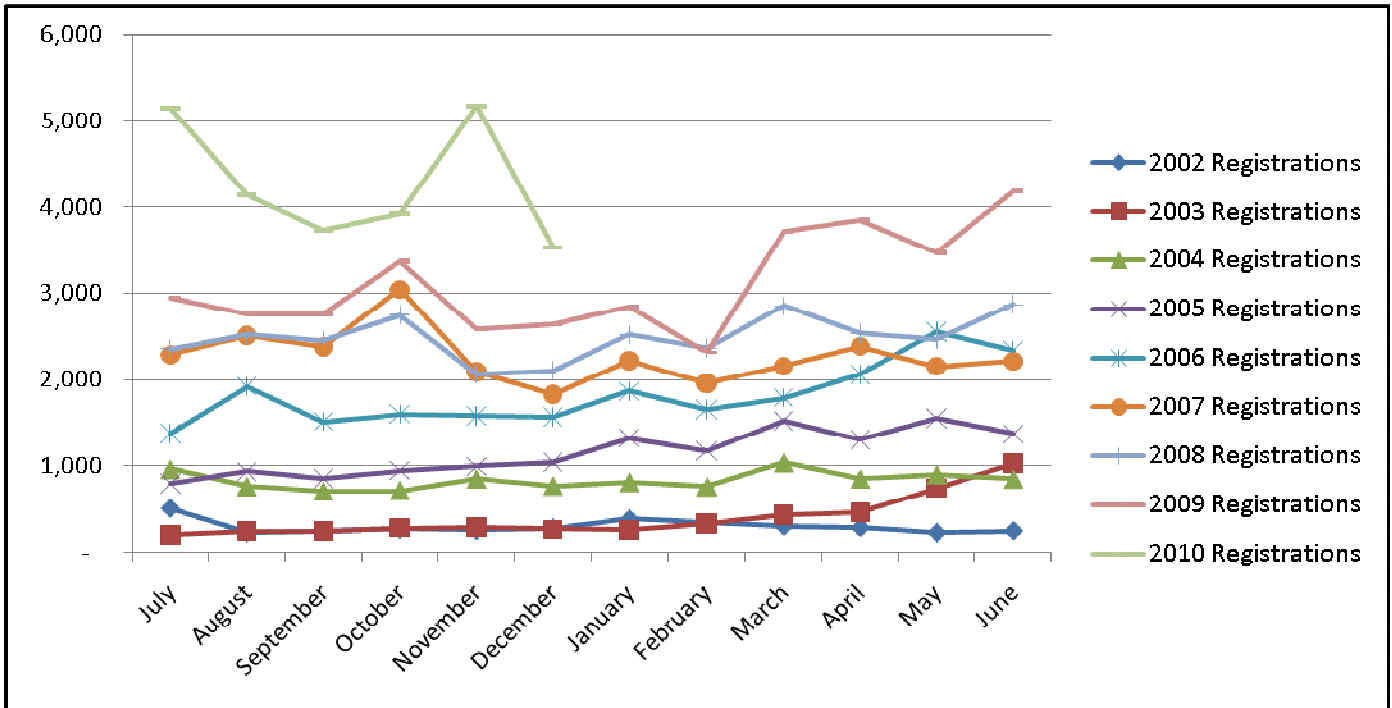
Registrations by Process

The chart below and the graph on the next page show the source of the VINE registrations. Over the years, the public website has seen a drastic increase in usage, and the toll free phone registration has been reduced. The option to press 0 for operator assistance is still in use. The VINEWatch registrations are for password users only and include government and non-profit victim advocates, law enforcement officers, state's attorney's office personnel, and advocates in the jails and prisons.

Registrations by Year

MONTH	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations
July	504	195	961	797	1,372	2,287	2,357	2,952	5,145
August	222	240	762	933	1,919	2,512	2,519	2,756	4,134
September	243	241	699	851	1,511	2,377	2,452	2,760	3,732
October	263	274	710	946	1,599	3,042	2,748	3,372	3,919
November	251	280	849	992	1,579	2,091	2,065	2,582	5,175
December	276	264	766	1,042	1,564	1,830	2,110	2,647	3,530
January	380	259	810	1,324	1,863	2,215	2,519	2,851	
February	337	331	758	1,171	1,652	1,956	2,361	2,314	
March	299	428	1,036	1,522	1,789	2,154	2,855	3,723	
April	281	461	848	1,300	2,055	2,385	2,538	3,847	
May	223	740	899	1,546	2,557	2,153	2,464	3,464	
June	245	1,023	847	1,371	2,334	2,212	2,871	4,180	
TOTALS	3,524	4,736	9,945	13,795	21,794	27,214	29,859	37,448	25,635

In the chart above and in the graph below, there is a drastic increase in user registrations from 2002 to 2010.



VINE REGISTRATIONS

Appriss Contract

- In 2008 and 2009, the State renewed years three (3) and four (4) of the five (5) year Appriss, Inc. contract;
- The Maryland Sex Offenders Alert Line was linked with VINE for easy access to sex offender information and notification;
- Court data now more up to date court hearing information and next day notifications; and
- A portion of the contract includes brochures and public outreach.
- A professional trainer provides seven (7) statewide VINE trainings per year

Training

- VINEWatch menu for accessing *Appriss University* online training for VINE and VINEWatch;
- Expand VINE training to agents at the Department of Parole and Probation to better assist with offender monitoring; and
- Regional statewide trainings are conducted for service providers, law enforcement, detention centers and anyone who works with crime victims.

In addition to crime victims, many law enforcement personnel and government agents find the convenience of email notification beneficial for pending court-hearing dates, either as a witness or as a parole or probation agent. Crime victims involved in the court process rely on court advocates to notify them about upcoming court hearings, and the advocates, in turn, rely on the VINE system. The State Victim Coordinator works closely with the Appriss Account Manager to monitor usage, troubleshoot, and prepare statewide training events.

V. Victims' Rights Compliance Initiative

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services (MSBVS) established the Victims' Rights Compliance Initiative in April 1999 in an effort to remedy crime victims' rights violations. This Initiative's goal is to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of crime and to give them an option to voice their concerns when they feel that their statutory rights have been violated at any point in the criminal justice system.

The primary concern for crime victims in Maryland is to ensure that they are treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process and are able to exercise their statutory right to participate in the process.

Crime Victims' Rights Issues

During FY 2009-2010 the Victims' Rights Compliance Coordinator responded to over 224 calls, letters and emails from crime victims, with 72 individuals alleging violations of various crime victims' rights, 72 victims seeking referrals to direct services and 51 seeking information and explanations about the criminal justice process. Overall requests for service has declined by 16% since FY 2008-2009, and the total with the number of sustained complaints have declined by 25%.

(Appendix A)

The Compliance Coordinator has responded to calls for general assistance by taking action such as contacting an agency, obtaining copies of documents, providing general explanations of the criminal justice process, offering information and referrals and, in some instances mediating between the victim and the agent/agency subject of the call for assistance.

Common issues addressed by the Compliance Coordinator included:

- Frustration with lack of, or limited response to the crime;
- Misunderstanding of civil versus criminal justice system;
- Lack of information regarding case status;
- Delay in processing and/or denial of claims for Criminal Injuries Compensation;
- Impound fees assessed to victims of auto theft;
- Non payment of restitution by offenders granted probationary sentences;
- Mistreatment by law enforcement officers and members of the judiciary

Sustained complaints are promptly addressed through enhanced training and other remedial actions by the Compliance Coordinator.

Oftentimes crime victims are confused about the criminal court system and unaware of available services that could improve the quality of their lives and assist them in recovering from the crime. The Compliance Coordinator responded to 152 other crime victims who were seeking information and/or services by providing explanations of court processes and referred victims and witnesses to service organizations such as Criminal Injuries Compensation, domestic violence and sexual assault programs, non profit victims' rights legal services, counseling services, as well government based service organizations

Agencies responded to sustained complaints by implementing policy or systemic changes, incorporating recommendations made as a part of the Compliance Coordinator's findings and recommendations. While

response to such reports and recommendations is voluntary, involved agencies expressed a willingness to correct violations. Victims expressed a greater understanding of the elements of the criminal justice process and an overall satisfaction with the efforts of the coordinator and criminal justice agencies to remedy violations.

Training and Technical Assistance

During FY 2010 the State Victims' Rights Compliance Coordinator provided direct support to numerous criminal and juvenile justice agencies to enhance their ability to comply with specific statutory mandates to crime victims.

Noteworthy achievements included:

- Working alongside Baltimore Police Department's Education and Training Division, the Compliance Coordinator conducted weekly in service training *entitled Crime Victims' Rights: the Role and Responsibilities of Law Enforcement* to over 2,000 city officers.

Training law enforcement officers on their constitutional and statutory responsibilities to crime victims including their right to be:

1. Treated with dignity, respect, courtesy and sensitivity;
 2. Receive crisis intervention services;
 3. Receive information on social, medical, counseling and financial services
 4. Be informed of the arrest of an offender
 5. Be informed of victim/witness protection services
 6. Be provided written materials on available services
 7. Be informed of law enforcement services available to protect victims and witnesses
- Developed in collaboration with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) MPCTC, law enforcement training materials *entitled Enhancing and Enforcing Law Enforcement's Response to Crime Victims (Mary's Story)* will be available via on line training and/or DVD for all law enforcement agencies with the State of Maryland in July 2011. This training program coincides with new legislation signed by Governor O'Malley that requires the Police Training Commission to expand the minimum curriculum and courses of study for police training to include the contact with and treatment of the victims of crimes and delinquent acts, notices, services, support, and rights available to specified victims and their representatives.

Other statewide support services were rendered in FY 2009-2010 as issues arose and agencies contacted the Compliance Initiative. Services included consultation, information and referrals on implementation, enforcement and forms use.

The services provided by the Victims' Rights Compliance Coordinator fostered the ability of governmental entities to better service the crime victim population and to strengthen successful prosecution of crimes committed against the citizens of Maryland.

VI. The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund

The Purpose of the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Grant Program

The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund (MVOC Fund) was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session. The legislation created a source of revenue for programs across the state, dedicated to serving victims of crime. The primary purpose of the MVOC Fund is to ensure implementation of the Declaration of Crime Victims' Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution and the Guidelines for Treatment of and Assistance to Crime Victims and Witnesses and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime (MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-916).

The MVOC Fund receives money from court costs collected in criminal cases pursuant to §7-409 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article as established under MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §11-916. Under the authority of the law the Judiciary in both the District and Circuit Courts has authority to impose fines on convicted offenders. The 1995 a bill was enacted increasing the fine courts could impose from \$20 to \$30 in Circuit Court and from \$10 to \$20 in District Court. In 1997, the court costs were increased again and codified whereby the Circuit Court fine is now \$45 and the District Court fine is \$35. Each fiscal year, from the first \$500,000 collected under this subsection, the Comptroller shall deposit one-half of each court fee into the MVOC Fund, and one-half of each fee into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. It is the intention of the State Board to propose another increase within the next few years. State and local criminal justice agencies and non-profits are struggling more and more each year to maintain existing crime victim services.

Court costs collections are distributed by the State Comptroller among three victims funds: MVOC (\$22.50 from each fee collected by circuit court; \$12.50 from each fee collected by District Court), Victim Witness Protection and Relocation Fund (\$2.50 from circuit court and District Court fees); and, under Criminal Procedure Article Sec., 11-819 to the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (MCICB).

District Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2009 and FY 2010
(Appendix B)

Circuit Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2009 and FY 2010
(Appendix C)

The Board, in conjunction with GOCCP, annually awards MVOC grants to government agencies and private non-profit organizations that provide direct support services to victims of crime for the purpose of developing and enhancing existing programs that serve victims of crime in Maryland. This is to be differentiated from MCICB, which provides monies directly to victims of personal injury crimes, or surviving family members in the case of a homicide, once a claim has been filed and approved. GOCCP is responsible for the administration of grants from the MVOC Fund.

The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Process

The MVOC Fund's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is posted on the GOCCP Website ten months prior to the start date of the grant cycle. Victim service providers and criminal justice agencies may receive a postcard in the mail alerting them to the GOCCP website. The State Coordinator will periodically conduct a technical assistance workshop for potential applicants. MVOC applications are normally due by the end of November, allowing advance time for reviewing and processing the award

packets. The advance grant application process also allows local governments the opportunity to allocate new grant money in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The second and third year MVOC continuation grant applications are submitted to GOCCP and reviewed in the spring each year.

The Grant Review Committee is composed of State Board members and outside reviewers, who are mostly service providers. The Committee will meet once and review the MVOC grant applications together after individually reviewing and scoring. The Committee then makes a recommendation to the full Board to approve or deny the application. The Board, including the Executive Director of GOCCP, then approves the MVOC grants prior to awarding, with the understanding that the Executive Director has the final authority on awards. In May 2009, the Executive Committee determined that the Crime Victim Statewide Funding Maps should not be used to determine awards for MVOC and LSCV projects; instead awards should be based primarily on the merits of the project and secondarily on the merits of the application.

Grants Awarded from the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund

FY 2009 *(Appendix D)*

In January 2008, GOCCP in conjunction with the State Board awarded FY 2010 MVOC grants that totaled \$674,192.52. The State MVOC grant awards started on July 1, 2008 and ended on June 30, 2009. New awards totaled \$316,771.78, second-year continuation awards totaled \$206,707.10 and third-year continuation grant projects totaled \$150,713.64.

FY 2010 *(Appendix E)*

In January 2009, GOCCP in conjunction with the State Board awarded FY 2011 MVOC grants that totaled \$735,529.10. The State MVOC grant awards started on July 1, 2009 and ended on June 30, 2010. New awards totaled \$353,320.73, second-year continuation awards totaled \$239,343.32 and third-year continuation grant projects totaled \$142,865.05.

VII. Other Activities of the State Board of Victim Services

CRIME VICTIM BROCHURES AND FORMS

Pursuant to the mandates of the Constitutional Amendment, Declaration of Rights - Article 47 stating that “a victim of crime shall be treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process,” the State Board developed two series of brochures to ensure that a victim's right to be informed were adhered to by law enforcement personnel, commissioners or juvenile justice intake workers and State’s Attorneys. The statutes, entitled Victims and Witnesses, are detailed in Maryland Ann. Code, Title 11, and Criminal Procedure Article. A comprehensive detail of these laws and others related to crime victims may be found in the Compliance Initiative section. In January 2007, the planning and development of the Brochure Database System (BDS) was completed. The mandated materials were entered into the new system to track and provide accountability and maintain cost effectiveness.

The brochures and forms distributed are done so in a more efficient and timely manner than in the past. The State Coordinator disseminates and mails the requested materials from GOCCP stock to criminal justice agencies throughout the state. Since most agencies stock materials internally for three to twelve months, the materials are used before another order is submitted to GOCCP. This saves MVOC money in printing and paper costs; however the challenge is cost in staff time and postage. Overall, this system seems to be working well.

The Jurisdictional Distribution of Mandated Brochures and Forms

(Appendix F)

CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services brochure

Upon first contact with a crime victim or a crime victim's representative, a law enforcement officer, District Court commissioner or juvenile intake officer shall give the victim or the victim's representative the "*CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services*" brochure. This brochure is designed to inform the recipient of their rights and services, while outlining the steps a case may go through in the criminal justice process and explaining the criminal justice system's responsibilities to crime victims and witnesses.

In 2009, the State Compliance Coordinator revised the brochure from seventeen (17) pages to legal size fold out. Not only has the cost been significantly reduced, so has postage, printing and distribution.

The convenient pocketsize brochure allows for easier accessibility for law enforcement officers and a lower postage cost for the Department of Juvenile Services who are required to provide the brochure to some crime victims of juvenile offenses.

In the fall of 2008, an electronic email was sent to service providers alerting them to the minor revision in the *Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services* brochure. The electronic mailing was targeted to law enforcement agencies, reminding them of their mandated responsibility to provide the brochures to all crime victims upon first contact with a victim or victim's representative. In addition to law enforcement officers, District Court commissioners and juvenile intake officers shall also give the victim or the victim's representative the mandated brochure (MD Crim. Pro. Code Ann. § 11-914(9)(i)).

The *Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form (CVNF)* is a multicopy form by which victims formally request to be notified of the status of their court case and offender status. In 2010, the State Compliance Coordinator revised the form to improve efficiency of the form progression process by adding a copy for the Attorney General's Office and a half page on the front with additional instructions. The prosecuting attorney is mandated to deliver this form, together with the *Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process* brochure, to a crime victim within 10 days of an indictment or information filed in Circuit court. Other entities receiving their copies comply with notification duties accordingly. The State Board maintains ongoing distribution to each entity/site, based on need.

Printing Cost Totals for Mandated Crime Victim Brochures and Forms

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Brochure/Form	Short Name	Quantity	Total Cost
<i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	LE - English	437,349	\$55,553.94
<i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	LE - Spanish	10,958	\$2,662.80
<i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</i>	SAO - English	17825	\$3,573.91
<i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process 4</i>	SAO - Spanish	1091	\$218.75
<i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	CVNR - English	23501	\$2,854.43
<i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	CVNR - Spanish	550	\$81.23

Chart reflects total cost of printing, not distribution for all mandated brochure revisions during this time period.
Jurisdictional costs and quantities may be found in *Appendix F*.

ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Victims of Crime Memorial Service is one of two annual events sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services. The annual services are held to honor those who lost their lives to violent crime in the State of Maryland. The event commences with National Crime Victims Rights Week, which traditionally begins each year in April.

Since 2002, each year there are four similar regional services held simultaneously statewide, as opposed to one service for the state. Over the years, in an attempt to accommodate a larger number of participants and to provide accessible locations for surviving family members, services have been extended throughout the state. In 2010, Cecil County was moved from the Eastern Region to the Northern Region to accommodate the disparity in distance.

The regions are geographically divided as follows:

Eastern Region	Western Region	Southern Region	Northern Region
Caroline	Allegany	Calvert	Anne Arundel
Dorchester	Carroll	Charles	Baltimore City
Kent	Frederick	Prince George's	Baltimore
Queen Anne's	Garrett	St. Mary's	Cecil
Somerset	Montgomery		Harford
Talbot	Washington		Howard
Wicomico			
Worcester			

Each year the State Board's Memorial Service Committee members meet with the hosts from the prior year's service and the hosts for the upcoming year to share information, plan, coordinate and collaborate with one another. All four services maintain uniformity with opening ceremonies led by a color guard, musical selections and the symbolic raising of the banner arranged with doves or stars representing those remembered. Two Governor's proclamations are presented: one to the hosting State's Attorney, and the other to an attending Board member. The most important and compelling part of the Memorial Service is the "Reading of the Names". Names of crime victims are written, read aloud and displayed as remembrance for family, friends and community members.

The State Board provides an annual allocation of \$1,000.00 to each region that is hosting a memorial service to afford regional coordinators the opportunity to plan programs without added concerns of raising money to finance events, and eliminate ensuing ethical concerns of elected officials regarding fund raising. The State Board supports the continuation of funds for each of the regions hosting services.

Since 2002, the Crime Victims Memorial Service Core Committee has unanimously voted in favor of continuing the theme "Their Light Still Shines". The hosts or representatives from a jurisdiction each coordinate a regional service.

2009 Victims of Crime Memorial Service

Core Committee members include: Debra Tall (Chair) and Patricia Marshall and Oliver Smith. Regional representatives from the hosting State's Attorneys' Offices: Valda Rotolo from the Eastern Region; Carmen M. Figueroa from the Western Region; Pam Widgeon from the Northern Region; and Theresa Middleton from the Southern Region.

The Twentieth Annual Victims of Crime Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 26, 2009.

The Service for the Eastern Region was held at Perryville Park in Perryville and was hosted by The Honorable Christopher Eastridge with the Cecil County State's Attorney's Office. There were one hundred and eighty-eight (188) names read at this location. An estimated one hundred and fifty (150) surviving family members and friends attended.

The Western Region held its Service at Middletown High School in Middletown. The Honorable J. Charles Smith, III with the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office hosted the service. Approximately two hundred (200) participants were in attendance.

The Northern Region Service was held at the Professional Development Center in Baltimore City, and hosted by The Honorable Patricia C. Jessamy with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. Approximately eight hundred and fifty (850) guests attended.

The Service for the Southern Region was held at Prince George's Community College in Largo, and was hosted by The Honorable Glenn F. Ivey with the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. An estimated two hundred and twenty-five (225) guests were in attendance.

2010 Victims of Crime Memorial Service

Core Committee members include: Debra Tall (Chair), Patricia Marshall and Bonnita Spikes. Regional representatives from the hosting State's Attorneys' Offices include Karen Greene from the Eastern Region; Paula Slan and Ethel Burnett from the Western Region; Diana L. Marston and Karen Mlymarik from the Northern Region; and Christine King and Gail Wikoff from the Southern Region.

The Twenty-first Annual Victims of Crime Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

The Service for the Eastern Region was held at The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Inc. in St. Michaels and was hosted by The Honorable Scott G. Patterson with the Talbot County State's Attorney's Office, The Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia presented before the reading of the names. There were over two hundred (200) names read at this location. An estimated seventy (70) surviving family members and friends attended.

The Western Region held its Service at The Elks Lodge #15 in Rockville. The Service was hosted by The Honorable John J. McCarthy with Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office. The heartfelt voice of a singer provided a memorable service for the families and friends of lost loved ones. There were more than three hundred and fifty (350) names read. Approximately one hundred (100) surviving family members and friends were in attendance.

The Northern Region Service was held at Patterson Mill High School in Bel Air, and was hosted by The Honorable Joseph I. Cassilly with the Harford County State's Attorney's Office. There were over nine hundred (900) names presented. Approximately two hundred and fifty (250) surviving family members and guests attended.

The service for the Southern Region was held at Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall in Dunkirk, and was hosted by The Honorable Laura L. Martin with the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office. There were over six hundred (600) names read at this moving service. An estimated two hundred (200) surviving family members and friends were in attendance.

GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS LUNCHEON



Since 1994, to conclude the annual observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the State Board sponsors the Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon. The luncheon has proven to be a rewarding ceremony that highlights those individuals who have dedicated their lives to providing invaluable assistance to victims of crime and improving victims' rights throughout Maryland. At each luncheon two award plaques are presented: one in honor of the late Henry Gleim and the other in honor of the late Virginia Mahoney. Each award presents its own unique merit for the recipient.

Henry Gleim Memorial Award

In memory of Henry Gleim, an unsung hero who gave unselfishly, generously, courageously and with the compassion for those who walk in the path of victimization, this award recognizes outstanding services to crime victims and those who work to serve them. Generally, only one nominee is selected.

Award Recipients

2009 Patricia Marshall

2010 No award given

Virginia Mahoney Award

In honor of Virginia Mahoney, the State Board recognizes an outstanding leader who has set the standard for excellence and professionalism in the field of victim services. This award recognizes one prominent state leader or high-ranking official who has epitomized true leadership in support of victim rights. Generally, only one nominee is selected.

Award Recipients

2009 Stephen Roscher

2010 Marci Van De Mark

Governor's Victim Assistance Awards

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards are presented to individuals or agencies located in both the public and private sector who have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime. Nominee(s) must have made an outstanding contribution toward improving the status of, or delivering services to, crime victims and/or witnesses in Maryland. Award recipients are recognized for their exemplary work done in the area of victim advocacy that exceeds what is expected in one's routine job responsibilities. These contributions may involve exceptional efforts in a specific case, on a statewide event or issue, or any effort deemed worthy of recognition by the nominator. The number of recipients for this award is listed under each event year.

2009 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."
~Leo Buscaglia

The 2009 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, May 8th at the Turf Valley Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland. Ed Parker and Roberta Roper provided the welcome and introduction. Eighteen (18) individuals and nine (9) groups received a Governor's Victim Assistance Award. Robin Woolford was the Master of Ceremonies, Mildred D. Muhammad was the keynote speaker and Father Michael Clancy presented the invocation. Roberta Roper presented the Henry Gleim Memorial Award to Patricia Marshall. There were approximately two hundred fifty (250) people in attendance.

2010 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

"I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives"
~Tracy Chapman

The 2010 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, April 30th at Club Meade in Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. This year, Kristen Mahoney provided a welcome and introduction with Roberta Roper. Eleven (11) individuals and seven (7) groups received a Governor's Victim Assistance Award. Debra Tall was the Master of Ceremonies, the keynote speaker was Anne Seymour, and Reverend Don Llewellyn presented the invocation. Roberta Roper presented the Henry Gleim Memorial Award to Stephen Roscher and the Virginia Mahoney Award to Marci Van De Mark. There were approximately one hundred and eighty (180) people in attendance.

VIII. Legislation

The State Board Legislative Committee works closely with GOCCP during the legislative session. During the Legislative Session, information is shared and testimony provided before the Legislative committees, all in the best interest of serving crime victims in Maryland. The majority of proposed legislation from the Governor is supported by the full State Board.

2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (all bills signed by Governor Martin O'Malley)
(Appendix G)

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (all bills signed by Governor Martin O'Malley)
(Appendix H)

IX. Milestones and Accomplishments

2010 Annual Report Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland

The Roper Victim Assistance Academy (Academy) offers two levels of training to victim service professionals throughout Maryland, a basic 40-hour Academy designed for newer professionals, and advanced and more specialized training programs designed for more experienced professionals. The basic program is a 40-hour standardized multi-disciplinary academic curriculum program conducted as a 1-week residential program. The 2010 Academy was held June 7-11, 2010 with 34 professionals graduating from the program. Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown was keynote speaker at the formal graduation ceremony. In addition to the basic training program, the Academy offered five different advanced training programs with 331 participants completing the training. One session each was offered in November and January, and three other sessions were held in June concurrently with the Academy basic training program. (Refer to Chart 1 below for additional details).

Dates	Training Title	#Participants
Nov '09 –		
1)	<i>Advanced Victims Rights</i> (Trainers - Meg Garvin, Esq. & Russell Butler, Esq.)	56
Jan '10 – (two days)		
2)	<i>Interviewing Victims of Abuse: The Key to Getting it Right</i> (Trainers - Lisa Ferentz & Dave Thomas)	167
Jun '10 –		
3)	<i>Death Notification</i> (Trainer – Debbie Bradley)	18
4)	<i>Immigrant Victims of Violent Crimes</i> (Trainer – Deepa Bijpuria)	22
5)	<i>The Impact of Traumatic Experiences on Children and Adolescents: Implications for Assessment and Intervention</i> (Trainer Dr. Dave Pelcovitz)	<u>68</u>
Total Participants (Jul 09-Jun 10)		331

All Academy training is nationally approved and certified for professional and/or university credits. The Academy offers CEU's and university credits for both the Basic and Advanced training programs.

The Academy has developed state level certification criteria and professional standards that tie together with certificate programs and courses at UB. The RVAAM is nationally recognized for having sustainability, solid linkages with an academic partner, an active Alumni Association, state certification, regular advanced training offerings, and higher education programs that directly link with the Academy. Maryland is recognized as one of the nation's leaders in the movement to advance education and professionalize the field of victim services. To date, in addition to the 230 graduates of the basic 40-hour training program (2004-2010), more than 1,250 participants have benefited from advanced trainings, conferences, workshops, and symposiums conducted through the Academy.

Appendix A

Compliance Initiative

Yearly Report

7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009

Total Complaints/Request for Services: 341

Category	Complaints/Requests for Services	Communication Count
26% Complaints:	88	350
39% Referrals:	134	342
22% Information:	76	219
1% Other:	3	9
Totals:	341	1013

Compliance Violations: 3

Unconfirmed Violations: 2

Referrals and Recommendations:

All Victim Related Agencies	43
Child Support Agencies	3
Commissioner's Office	17
Consumer Fraud	1
Department of Juvenile Services	1
District Court - Civil Clerk	2
DV Organization/Shelter	7
Law Enforcement Agency	26
Legal Services	6
MCICB	22
MCVRC	5
Other	9
Police	3
Police Internal Affairs Division	4
SAO	24
Senior Citizen Crime	1
Witness Protection	1

Compliance Initiative

Jurisdiction Agency Call-In Report

7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009

Total Agency Complaints: 57

Clerk- Juvenile Court	1
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1
Judiciary	2
Law Enforcement	23
MCICB	2
Other	10
Parole & Probation	3
Parole Commissioner's Office	1
Police Department	1
SAO	12
VINE	1

Compliance Violations: 3

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Violations</u>
Baltimore City	Clerk- Juvenile Court	1
Baltimore City	Parole & Probation	1
Baltimore City	Law Enforcement	1

Unconfirmed Violations: 2

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Violations</u>
Baltimore City	Law Enforcement	1
Baltimore City	Law Enforcement	1

**Total Jurisdictional
Complaint/Referral/Information Calls:** 341

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Calls</u>
Allegany	2
Anne Arundel	5
Baltimore City	31
Baltimore County	25
Calvert	1
Carroll	3

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Calls</u>
Charles	4
Dorchester	1
Frederick	4
Harford	5
Howard	7
Montgomery	12
Other	189
Other States	2
Prince George's	15
Queen Anne's	1
St. Mary's	4
State	25
Washington	3
Wicomico	1
Worcester	1

Appendix B

**Collections into FY 09,10 VCF
Transfer: District Court**

CLERKS	FY 2009	FY 2010	TOTAL
Allegany	15,320.32	15,177.92	30,498.24
Anne Arundel	93,046.16	95,809.19	188,855.35
Baltimore	96,326.36	91,170.62	187,496.98
Calvert	15,022.37	15,043.77	30,066.14
Caroline	6,908.77	6,879.67	13,788.44
Carroll	19,815.83	19,408.35	39,224.18
Cecil	9,668.63	8,165.91	17,834.54
Charles	39,930.57	37,627.61	77,558.18
Dorchester	8,613.12	7,773.68	16,386.80
Frederick	18,012.04	15,312.53	33,324.57
Garrett	6,099.64	6,288.39	12,388.03
Harford	31,097.03	27,752.31	58,849.34
Howard	31,645.18	34,754.34	66,399.52
Kent	4,991.98	3,986.60	8,978.58
Montgomery	100,542.96	105,926.59	206,469.55
Prince George's	26,437.29	26,466.81	52,904.10
Queen Anne's	9,678.76	8,145.55	17,824.31
St. Mary's	13,550.20	12,278.42	25,828.62
Somerset	5,675.35	3,218.75	8,894.10
Talbot	13,204.55	15,595.83	28,800.38
Washington	18,827.90	14,013.61	32,841.51
Wicomico	12,170.55	13,455.59	25,626.14
Worcester	6,612.36	6,610.35	13,222.71
Baltimore City	40,225.18	44,803.08	85,028.26
MONTH TO DATE TOTALS	643,423.10	635,665.47	1,279,088.57

Appendix C

Collections into the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund

FY09, FY10 VCF Transfer: Circuit Court

CLERKS	FY 2009	FY 2010	TOTAL
Allegany	1,305.00	2,025.00	3,330.00
Anne Arundel	22,290.17	18,261.23	40,551.40
Baltimore	15,451.00	22,127.00	37,578.00
Calvert	2,890.87	3,460.57	6,351.44
Caroline	2,298.79	2,836.58	5,135.37
Carroll	6,405.76	6,545.48	12,951.24
Cecil	12,851.14	15,558.99	28,410.13
Charles	3,583.88	3,561.53	7,145.41
Dorchester	1,443.90	1,654.25	3,098.15
Frederick	13,895.05	12,207.26	26,102.31
Garrett	285.00	805.00	1,090.00
Harford	15,867.42	15,531.18	31,398.60
Howard	2,762.11	2,738.58	5,500.69
Kent	2,439.87	1,238.55	3,678.42
Montgomery	8,489.40	9,220.48	17,709.88
Prince George's	11,040.37	13,611.26	24,651.63
Queen Anne's	1,627.50	1,657.00	3,284.50
St. Mary's	1,932.50	2,047.50	3,980.00
Somerset	1,202.50	1,083.00	2,285.50
Talbot	1,431.50	2,254.00	3,685.50
Washington	8,072.00	11,238.50	19,310.50
Wicomico	6,902.33	5,698.54	12,600.87
Worcester	3,812.84	3,597.88	7,410.72
Baltimore City	8,154.72	5,271.55	13,426.27
	156,435.62	164,230.91	320,666.53

**Appendix D
Grant Awards
Maryland Victims of Crime Fund
FY 09**

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	STATE FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Harford County, Maryland	Crime Victim Resources - Materials and Training	\$3,809.00	One Year
Baltimore County Police Department	Domestic Violence Training Equipment	\$2,361.88	One Year
University of Maryland - Ofc. Of Research Admin. & Advancement	Campus Victim Assistant	\$31,874.21	01
CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor	\$28,000.00	01
Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Intervention Project	\$15,043.00	01
Cecil County Board of County Commissioners	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	\$22,418.52	01
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Tree House Child Assessment Center	\$35,000.00	01
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Shelter Case Manager	\$29,500.00	01
Harford County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Witness Coordinator Training	\$1,401.45	01
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Children's Clinician	\$6,000.00	01
For All Seasons, Inc.	Bilingual Legal Advocate/Navigator (BILAN)	\$31,784.00	01
Garrett County Health Department	SAFE Program	\$8,967.34	01
Sinai Hospital Family Violence Program	Crisis Intervention and Psychotherapy Project	\$2,820.86	01
Northwest Hospital Center	Strangulation Response Project	\$33,222.00	01
Anne Arundel Medical Center	Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE)	\$7,613.52	01
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA)	Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) Conference	\$23,456.00	01
Atlantic General Hospital Corporation	Safe Program	\$1,050.00	01
Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office	Child Victim Advocate	\$32,450.00	01
YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Bilingual Court Advocate	\$19,399.10	02

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	STATE FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy	Victim Impact Project (V.I.P.)	\$25,875.00	02
Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City	Latino Victim Advocate	\$26,250.00	02
Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office	Elderly/Disabled Victims of Economic Crimes	\$26,250.00	02
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Safehouse Services	\$22,014.00	02
Baltimore County Police Department	Domestic & Workplace Violence Training	\$4,828.00	02
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington DC	Angel's Watch Shelter	\$26,128.00	02
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Services	\$26,250.00	02
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Rural Safety & Outreach	\$3,463.00	02
Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County	Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy	\$26,250.00	02
Kent County Sheriff's Office	Victim/Witness Service Provider	\$17,500.00	03
Prince George's County, Maryland	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Coordination	\$17,416.35	03
Maryland Children's Alliance	Child Advocacy Centers Support	\$15,015.00	03
University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin. & Advancement	Crime Victim Advocacy: Enhancement and Expansion	\$14,081.00	03
Carroll County State's Attorney's Office	Victim/Witness Assistance Unit Support	\$17,500.00	03
Somerset County State's Attorney's Office	Victim/Witness Project	\$6,920.55	03
Sexual Trauma, Treatment, Advocacy & Recovery Center, Inc. (STTAR)	Howard County Outreach	\$6,036.20	03
THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore	Outreach and Advocacy	\$6,320.00	03
Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Advocate	\$17,500.00	03
Heartly House, Inc.	Underserved Rural and Minority Advocacy/Outreach	\$13,356.98	03
St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc.	Family Domestic Violence Program	\$8,250.00	03
Cumberland Police Department	Domestic Violence Response Team	\$10,817.56	03

Funding Totals

One Year Only		\$6,170.88
First Year	\$310,600.90	
Second Year	\$206,707.10	
Third Year	\$150,713.64	
Grand Total		\$674,192.52

Appendix E

Grant Awards
Maryland Victims of Crime Fund
FY 10

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	STATE FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc.	Adelante Familia	\$34,852.78	01
Prince George's County, Maryland	Victim Advocate Coordinator	\$35,000.00	01
Allegany County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Assistant	\$9,468.58	01
Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Crisis Specialist	\$18,296.00	01
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Child Maltreatment Project	\$30,000.00	01
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	24/7 Safety and Access Project	\$34,160.00	01
Talbot County Department of Social Services	Child Mental Health Program	\$33,523.70	01
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Trauma Based Treatment Center	\$33,838.00	01
Anne Arundel County, Maryland	Victim Advocate Training	\$1,102.70	01
Mercy Medical Center	IPV Forensic Examination Kits	\$28,905.97	01
Washington County Hospital - DO NOT USE (Meritus Medical Center)	SAFE Training Program	\$13,665.04	01
Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office	Child Victim Advocate	\$28,624.67	01
TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)	Victim Services Specialist	\$32,000.00	01
City of Baltimore	Clinical Case Manager	\$19,883.29	01
University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin. & Advancement	Campus Victim Assistant	\$23,500.00	02
CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor	\$26,250.00	02
Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Intervention Project	\$11,128.59	02
Cecil County Board of County Commissioners	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	\$22,173.00	02
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Tree House Child Assessment Center	\$26,250.00	02
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Shelter Case Manager	\$22,125.00	02
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Children's Clinician	\$26,250.00	02

For All Seasons, Inc.	Bilingual Legal/Victim Advocate	\$23,838.00	02
Garrett County Health Department	SAFE Program	\$6,479.78	02
Sinai Hospital Family Violence Program	Crisis Intervention and Victim Advocacy	\$2,168.00	02
Northwest Hospital Center	Strangulation Response Project	\$24,917.00	02
Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office	Child Victim Advocate	\$24,263.95	02
YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Bilingual Court Advocate	\$13,294.00	03
Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy	Victim Impact Project	\$17,250.00	03
Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City	Latino Victim Advocate	\$17,500.00	03
Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office	Elderly/Disabled Victims of Economic Crimes	\$17,500.00	03
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Safehouse Services	\$14,675.00	03
Baltimore County Police Department	Domestic & Workplace Violence Training	\$3,304.80	03
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington DC	Angel's Watch Shelter	\$17,419.00	03
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Services	\$17,500.00	03
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Rural Safety and Outreach	\$2,309.00	03
Cumberland Police Department	Domestic Violence Response Team	\$4,613.25	03
Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County	Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy	\$17,500.00	03

Funding Totals

One Year Only	\$0.00
First Year	\$353,320.73
Second Year	\$239,343.32
Third Year	\$142,865.05
Grand Total	\$735,529.10

Appendix F

**Maryland State Board of Victim Services
Jurisdictional Distribution of Mandated Brochures and Forms**

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010

County: Allegany

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	250	\$30.36
• LE - English	135	\$32.81
• LE - Spanish	36	\$8.75
• SAO - English	225	\$45.11
• SAO - Spanish	10	\$2.00

County: Anne Arundel

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	1,000	\$121.46
• LE - English	21,650	\$5,260.95
• LE - Spanish	348	\$84.56
• SAO - Spanish	10	\$2.00

County: Baltimore City

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	5,950	\$722.69
• CVNR - Spanish	100	\$14.77
• LE - English	-8,195	(\$1,991.38)
• LE - Spanish	1,008	\$244.95
• SAO - English	1,400	\$280.70
• SAO - Spanish	150	\$30.07

County: Baltimore County

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	5,700	\$692.32
• LE - English	-9,750	(\$2,369.25)
• LE - Spanish	-1,990	(\$483.57)
• SAO - English	2,600	\$521.30

<p>KEY LE: Law Enforcement Brochure Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</p> <p>SAO: State's Attorney's Office Brochure Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</p>

County: Calvert

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	950	\$115.39
• LE - Spanish	100	\$24.30
• SAO - English	500	\$100.25
• SAO - Spanish	5	\$1.00

County: Caroline

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	50	\$6.07
• LE - English	800	\$194.40
• LE - Spanish	172	\$41.80
• SAO - English	300	\$60.15

County: Carroll

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• LE - English	7,350	\$1,786.05
• LE - Spanish	15	\$3.65
• SAO - English	50	\$10.02

County: Cecil

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	1,200	\$145.75
• LE - English	150	\$36.45
• LE - Spanish	55	\$13.37
• SAO - English	500	\$100.25

County: Charles

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	1,800	\$218.63
• LE - English	4,325	\$1,050.98
• LE - Spanish	550	\$133.65
• SAO - English	1,800	\$360.90

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County: Dorchester

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
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• LE - English	500	\$121.50
• LE - Spanish	100	\$24.30

County: Frederick

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• CVNR - English	1,100	\$133.61
• LE - English	6,700	\$1,628.10
• LE - Spanish	1,055	\$256.37
• SAO - English	200	\$40.10

County: Garrett

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	262	\$63.67
• LE - Spanish	28	\$6.80
• SAO - Spanish	10	\$2.00

County: Harford

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	8,200	\$1,992.60
• LE - Spanish	600	\$145.80
• SAO - English	800	\$160.40

County: Howard

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	26,000	\$6,318.00
• LE - Spanish	2,500	\$607.50
• SAO - English	700	\$140.35

County: Kent

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	125	\$30.38
• LE - Spanish	18	\$4.37
• SAO - English	100	\$20.05
• SAO - Spanish	25	\$5.01

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County: Montgomery

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - Spanish	300	\$44.31
• LE - English	29,100	\$7,071.30
• LE - Spanish	3,215	\$781.25
• SAO - English	3,550	\$711.77
• SAO - Spanish	875	\$175.44

County: Prince George's

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	201	\$24.41
• LE - English	24,000	\$5,832.00
• LE - Spanish	1,330	\$323.19
• SAO - English	1,900	\$380.95

County: Queen Anne's

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• LE - English	3,000	\$729.00
• LE - Spanish	75	\$18.23

County: Somerset

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• LE - Spanish	110	\$26.73

County: St. Mary's

Materials - Language	Quantity Cost	
• CVNR - English	500	\$60.73
• CVNR - Spanish	50	\$7.38
• LE - English	4,605	\$1,119.02
• LE - Spanish	500	\$121.50
• SAO - English	200	\$40.10

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County: State-wide		
Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• CVNR - English	100	\$12.15
• CVNR - Spanish	100	\$14.77
• LE - English	100,600	\$24,445.80
• LE - Spanish	0	\$0.00

County: Talbot		
Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	1,110	\$269.73
• LE - Spanish	475	\$115.43
• SAO - English	1,000	\$200.50
• SAO - Spanish	6	\$1.20

County: Washington		
Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• CVNR - English	3,100	\$376.53
• LE - English	400	\$97.20
• LE - Spanish	158	\$38.39

County: Washington, D.C.		
Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• LE - English	200	\$48.60
• LE - Spanish	100	\$24.31

County: Wicomico		
Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• CVNR - English	1,500	\$182.19
• LE - English	6,600	\$1,603.80
• LE - Spanish	175	\$42.53
• SAO - English	2,000	\$401.00

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County: Worcester

Materials - Language	Quantity	Cost
• CVNR - English	100	\$12.15
• LE - English	750	\$182.25
• LE - Spanish	225	\$54.68

Appendix G
2009 Legislative Summary
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services
April 15, 2009

Administration Bills		
SB 279	Criminal Law - Death Penalty - Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A step forward, this bill will limit capital cases to those with biological or DNA evidence of guilt, a videotaped confession, or a videotape linking the defendant to a homicide. - The bill will lessen the possibility of executing an innocent person in Maryland. - The bill authorizes GOCCP to administer federal VOCA funds.
HB 317/SB 303	Silver Alert Program – Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A win for citizens and Maryland Chiefs & Sheriffs. - Maryland will have a statewide system (like Amber Alert) for rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing adult over a certain age or suffering from cognitive impairment. - The State Highway Administration Chart Program will aid public information dissemination.
HB 296/SB 267	Family Law - Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A win for victims and Maryland Chiefs & Sheriffs. - Maryland law will now match federal law. - Long guns will be included in surrenders of firearms. - Advocates have worked for 10 years to take firearms out of the hands of abusers. Thanks to the support of this Administration, we finally got it done for Maryland.
HB 302/SB 268	Family Law - Temporary Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A win for victims and Maryland Chiefs & Sheriffs. - A judge now has discretion to order the surrender of firearms upon a temporary protective order. - Long guns will be included in the surrenders of firearms. - Advocates have worked for 10 years to take firearms out of the hands of abusers. Thanks to the support of this Administration, we finally got it done for Maryland.
Domestic Violence Bills		
HB 1196	Domestic Violence - Protective Orders - Notification of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A win for victims. A partnership among GOCCP, Delegate Victor Ramirez, DPSCS, and VINE. We will create a new system to enable victims to register with VINE to receive notification of the service of interim, temporary and final protective orders via telephone or email.
HB 98	Domestic Violence – Temporary Protective Orders – Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A win for victims. - A judge can now extend the duration of a temporary protective order up to 6 months for protection or other good cause. - Current law allows up to 30 days. - When dv situations are at their most volatile, victims may receive more time to seek help and prepare for final protective order proceedings.

HB 464	Domestic Violence - Protective Orders - Custody of Minor Child	<p>A win for children, victims, and Maryland Chiefs & Sheriffs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Now a District Court Commissioner or judge may order a law enforcement officer to use reasonable and necessary force to return a minor child to the custodial parent at the time of service of an interim or temporary protective order. - Law enforcement officers' hands have been tied during these situations due to a gap in Family Law.
HB 971	Domestic Violence - Duration of Protective Order - Subsequent Act of Abuse	<p>A win for victims.</p> <p>The maximum duration of a final protective order may extend up to 2 years if an act of abuse is committed within 1 year after the issuance of a prior final protective order between the same petitioner and respondent.</p>
<i>Jurisdiction/Member Bills that GOCCP Supported</i>		
SB 181	Criminal Procedure - Restrictions on Pretrial Release - Offenses Involving Firearms - Repeat Offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of defendants charged with gun offenses that have prior gun convictions. - It will prioritize cases and ensure those charged with the most egregious crimes against citizens have a thorough bail determination.
HB 583/SB 304	Crimes - Financial Exploitation of Elderly - Penalty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits a person from knowingly and willfully obtaining by deception, intimidation, or undue influence the property of an individual that the person knows or reasonably should know is at least 68 years old with intent to deprive the individual of the individual's property.
SB 561/ HB 620	Criminal Procedure - Sentencing or Disposition Hearing - Appearance of Victim or Victim's Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a victim or victim rep is not present at a sentencing or disposition hearing, a prosecuting attorney must present a statement as to why proceeding without the victim or victim rep is justified. - If the court determines that proceeding without the victim or victim rep is not justified, or, if no statement is made, the court shall postpone the sentencing or disposition hearing.
<i>Public Safety Bills of Interest</i>		
HB 9	Criminal Law - Possession of Child Pornography - Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raises maximum penalty to 5 years, from 2 years, for possessing a film, videotape, photograph, or other child pornography. - Makes the possession of child pornography a felony if offender was previously convicted of the crime. - Provides that the jurisdiction of the District Court is concurrent with that of the circuit court in a criminal case in which a person is charged with a second or subsequent offense of possession of child pornography.
HB 542	Criminal Law – Human Trafficking – Inducing or Enticing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits a person from knowingly persuading, inducing, enticing, or encouraging another to be taken to or placed in any place for prostitution
HB 550	Special Police Commissions - Recommended Denial of Application - Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires the Secretary of State Police, on completion of an investigation of an applicant for a special police commission, to notify the applicant of the final decision of the Secretary - Authorizes any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Secretary to take an appeal as a contested case in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act;

		- Requires the Secretary to transmit to the Governor the final disposition of any appeal.
HB 560	Hate Crimes – Prohibitions and Protected Classes –Disability	- Adds disability to Maryland Hate Crimes law - Prohibits the attempt to commit a crime against a certain person because of the race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin
HB 638	Violent Crimes - Conditional Release Under Mandatory Supervision - Limitation	- Establishes that an inmate convicted of a violent crime committed on or after October 1, 2009, is not eligible for a conditional release until after the inmate becomes eligible for parole - Requires a court, when a sentence of confinement is imposed for a violent crime, to state in open court the minimum time the defendant must serve before becoming eligible for a conditional release under mandatory supervision.
HB 1183	Juvenile Law - Hearings	- Requiring the juvenile court, on petition of the State's Attorney, to exclude the general public from the testimony of a victim during a hearing or other proceeding in a case in which the victim of an alleged delinquent act is a child, unless the juvenile court finds good cause to receive the testimony of the victim in open court.
SB 145	Courts - Violation of Probation or Suspension of Sentence - Notice or Warrant	- Authorizes a circuit court to end a period of probation at any time, remand or release a probationer or defendant pending a hearing of a violation of probation, and, on a finding of violation, revoke probation or suspension of sentence and impose a certain sentence - District Court may now issue a VOP warrant within 90 days after the date on which the probation of the defendant end.
SB 151	Hate Crimes - Prohibitions and Protected Classes – Expansion to Homeless Persons and Groups and Gender	- Adds homelessness and gender to Maryland Hate Crimes law.
SB 425	Criminal Procedure - Offender Registry - Retroactivity	- Provides that sex offender registry provisions are to be applied retroactively to include a person convicted on or after October 1, 1995, of an offense committed before October 1, 1995. - Closes a loophole in the current law.

Appendix H

2010 Legislative Summary Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services April 13, 2010

Administration Bills		
Start SB 280	Criminal Procedure - Sexual Offenders - Lifetime Supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduces violence against children and others by expanding Maryland's successful supervision and management of our most serious sex offenders ▪ Protect the public from false reliance on lifetime registration by ensuring lifetime supervision of our most serious sex offenders ▪ Send offenders who violate lifetime supervision back to jail and out of our communities ▪ Lifetime Supervision imposed <i>on or after October 1, 2010</i>
SB 854	Crimes - Sex Offenders - Notification, Registration, Commitment, and Court Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SORNA replaces all previous federal laws and amendments pertaining to registration and notification and provides a single set of minimum standards for all states ▪ Nationally Standardized Registration Terms (Tier System) ▪ Lifetime registration for Continuous Course of Conduct with a Child ▪ Registration for Homeless Sex Offenders ▪ Juvenile Lifetime Registration for certain offenses – no public registry; records available to law enforcement ▪ Increased Data Collection: vehicles, internet identifiers, travel and immigration documents, tattoos, palm prints, employer ▪ Applies to offenders <i>on and after September 30, 2010</i>
SB 856	Public Safety - Sexual Offender Advisory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requiring relevant expertise and focusing priorities
GOCCP Championed Bills		
HB 1160	Safe Schools Act of 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Safe Schools Act continues the work of O'Malley-Brown 2009 Child Safety Net legislation that enabled DJS to share information with DHR ▪ The safest place for a child to be is in school: truant children will no longer remain anonymous to DJS; children under DJS supervision will no longer be on the honor system to report attendance ▪ GOCCP will work with the Department of Justice COPS office and local agencies to build Maryland's capacity to keep schools safe ▪ GOCCP will establish model policy and best practices in gang prevention and intervention throughout Maryland (includes mandated report)
HB 1043	Criminal Procedure - Child Advocacy Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GOCCP will establish and sustain CACs in the State ▪ The State Victims of Crime Fund will be used to support the centers; and grants awarded by the State Board of Victim Services be equitably distributed among all purposes of the State Victims of Crime Fund ▪ GOCCP Report Required January 1 annually
HB 1336	Washington County - Domestic Violence - GPS Tracking System Pilot Program for Offenders	Requires Washington County to implement a global positioning satellite (GPS) tracking system pilot program that authorizes, as a condition of pretrial release on charges of violating a protective order, that a defendant be supervised by electronic monitoring as a condition of bail, and authorizing a court, if it suspends a specific sentence, to make electronic monitoring a condition of probation for the duration of the order.

Security Integration Bills		
HB 811	Child Protection - Reporting of Children Living with or in the Regular Presence of Registered Child Sexual Offenders	Authorizing an individual to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a parent, guardian, or caregiver allows a child to reside with or be in the regular presence of an individual, other than the child's parent or guardian, who is registered as a specified child sexual offender and, based on additional information, poses a substantial risk of sexual abuse to the child; providing for the manner of reporting; etc.
HB 1330	Child Abuse and Neglect - Reports and Records - Disclosure to Division of Parole and Probation	Requiring the disclosure of a report or record of child abuse or neglect to the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services if the local department of social services has reason to believe that an individual who lives in or has a regular presence in a child's home is registered on the offender registry based on the commission of an offense against a child.
Other Sex Offender Bills		
HB 60	Criminal Procedure - Violation by Child Sexual Offender of Pretrial or Post trial Release No Contact Order ("Alexis's Law")	Authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated a condition of pretrial or post trial release; prohibiting a person charged with committing a specified sexual crime against a victim who is a minor from violating a specified condition of pretrial or post trial release; establishing a penalty for a specified violation; etc. Permits alleged victim, pretrial services representative, or state's attorney to request an expedited hearing before the district or circuit courts in situations where the alleged victim asserts that a defendant has violated the not contact provision of a pretrial or post-trial order.
HB 289	Correctional Services - Child Sexual Offenders - Diminution Credits	Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate who is serving a sentence in a State or local correctional facility for committing a specified sexual crime against a victim who is a child under age 16; etc.
SB 622	Crimes - Sexual Offenses Against Children – Penalties (Jessica's Law Enhancement)	Increasing the maximum and mandatory minimum penalties for a person convicted of rape in the second degree of a child under the age of 13 years and increasing the maximum and mandatory minimum penalties for a person convicted of sexual offense in the second degree against a child under the age of 13 years. ▪ Now 15 yrs to Life
Protecting Maryland's Vulnerable		
HB 75	Criminal Law - Escape from Juvenile Facility	Prohibiting a person from escaping from a privately operated, hardware secure facility for juveniles committed to the Department of Juvenile Services.
HB 138/SB 442	Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Right to Hearing	Providing that a claim filed with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board is subject to the applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act; and providing that if a claimant requests a hearing after the Board has issued proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, or orders, the Board shall hold a hearing before the Board issues final findings of fact, conclusions of law, or orders.
HB 283	Criminal Law - Human Trafficking - Prohibitions	Prohibiting a person from knowingly engaging in a device, scheme, or continuing course of conduct intended to cause another to believe

		that if the other did not take part in a sexually explicit performance the other or a third person would suffer physical restraint or serious physical harm; prohibiting a person from knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or possessing specified documents of another person while violating specified prohibitions; etc.
HB 327	Estates - Disqualification - Conviction for Unlawfully Obtaining Property of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual	Limiting the extent to which a person convicted of a specified prohibition against unlawfully obtaining property from a specified victim shall be disqualified from inheriting, taking, enjoying, receiving, or otherwise benefiting from the estate, insurance proceeds, or property of the victim; providing that a specified person be treated as if the person predeceased a specified victim; providing that a specified defendant has a specified burden of proof; making a clarifying change; and applying the Act prospectively.
HB 534	Domestic Violence - Protective Order – Extension	Extends the term of a civil order of protection in instances when the respondent re-abuses the person eligible for relief during the term of the civil order of protection. Provides for the court to extend relief up to five years after a hearing where the court considers factors outlined in the bill, including the nature and severity of the re-abuse.
HB 625	Domestic Violence - Domestic Violence Central Repository	Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a Domestic Violence Central Repository; requiring that the Central Repository store specified domestic violence orders issued in the State; and establishing the purposes of the Central Repository.
HB 661	Criminal Procedure - Arrest - Violation of Protective Order	Codifying in the Criminal Procedure Article a requirement in the Family Law Article that an officer arrest with or without a warrant and take into custody a person who the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of a protective order.
HB 665	Prince George's County - Domestic Violence - GPS Tracking System Pilot Program for Offenders	Requiring Prince George's County to implement a global positioning satellite tracking system pilot program that authorizes the court, as a condition of a defendant's pretrial release on a charge of violating a specified protective order, to order that the defendant be supervised by means of active electronic monitoring as a condition of bail under specified circumstances; etc.
HB 779/SB 820	Police Training Commission - Additional Minimum Training Requirements	Requiring the Police Training Commission to expand the minimum curriculum and courses of study for police training to include special training on and attention to the exploitation of children, the contact with and treatment of the victims of crimes and delinquent acts, notices, services, support, and rights available to specified victims and their representatives, and the notification of the rights of identity fraud victims under federal law; etc.
HB 1382	Rental Housing - Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Allows for qualifying tenants, citizens dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault, to terminate leases upon sufficient proof of domestic violence or sexual assault; requires landlords of qualifying tenants to change the locks on the dwelling of qualifying tenants upon request and proof of domestic violence or sexual assault; enables qualifying tenants to assert a defense in evictions where qualifying tenants have sufficient proof of domestic violence or sexual assault; prohibits discrimination against persons with status as victims of domestic violence or sexual assault in renting residences; etc.
SB 248	Civil Cases - Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund - Surcharges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increases the surcharge on civil court filing fees to address the funding crisis caused by historically low interest rates on IOLTA ▪ Projections indicate that the bill as adopted, which contains a 3-year sunset provision, would generate approximately \$6.1 million annually to address the shortfall in IOLTA revenue and help fund civil legal aid to low-income Marylanders
SB 399	Real Property - Abatement of Nuisance -	Establishing that the use of real property for prostitution is a nuisance

	Prostitution	that may be the subject of a specified action for abatement; defining the term "prostitution"; etc.
SB 542	Business Regulation - Lodging Establishments - National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information	Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to design a sign that contains specified information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline; requiring the sign to meet specified requirements and be placed on the Department's website; requiring a lodging establishment to post a specified sign if the lodging establishment is located on property where arrests leading to conviction for prostitution, solicitation of a minor, or human trafficking have occurred; etc.
SB 776	Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents Protection Act of 2010	Expanding the duties of the Sexual Offender Advisory Board to include reviewing specified policies, procedures, and laws and making specified recommendations relating to protecting residents and employees of nursing homes and assisted living facilities and the family members of the residents from convicted sexual offenders; requiring the Sexual Offender Advisory Board to submit a specified report on or before December 1, 2011; etc.
<i>Other Public Safety Bills of Interest</i>		
HB 905	Criminal Law - Prohibitions on Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms – Exceptions	Clarifies procedure for transporting a weapon when surrendering it under a protective order.
HB 1149/SB 935	Denial or Dismissal of Peace Order or Protective Order Petition - Shielding of Records	Authorizing a respondent in a specified peace order or protective order proceeding to file a written request to shield court records relating to the proceeding; requiring the court to schedule a hearing on a specified request and to provide specified notice of the hearing; requiring the court to order the shielding of all court records relating to the proceeding under specified circumstances; requiring specified custodians to notify the court and the respondent of compliance with the order; etc.