



Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center

MCVRC Newsletter

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The Chairperson's Corner

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer months with hopefully some down time in between all the busy events taking place. The MCVRC newsletter is full of important information, hard work that has been going on and a variety of events coming up. The "Words of Support and Encouragement" are especially meaningful right now with so much turmoil and loss taking place. We do need to pull from our inner strength to go on after suffering such severe and unplanned losses that occur in our lives.

Now, more than ever, we need to gather as a community of caring people to show that we can pull ourselves up and provide the assistance and strength needed to help those around us who are suffering losses.

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in communities and neighborhoods around the nation. The MCVRC will be taking part in this event. National Night Out gives communities and neighbors an opportunity to join together in a combined effort to inform criminals that neighborhoods are connected. This night also increases prevention and the awareness of crime. Support and participation in local neighborhood watch programs is generated. National Night Out also strengthens the partnership between the community and police. All of us need to respect each other and not let hate rule people.

MCVRC's Annual Ceremony of Remembrance will be held on September 24, 2016 from 2:30 to 6:00 pm. This ceremony is held annually to honor those who have been taken from us. A visit to the Garden of Remembrance takes place as part of the ceremony.

The Garden of Remembrance serves as a memorial to those whose lives were taken by criminal violence. It is also a peaceful place for reflection and commemoration of loved ones.

The MCVRC has been active and continues to make progress in the victim field. Please see the newsletter articles court accomplishments and particularly the WBAL report on restitution in Maryland which aired on July 1st.

*Respectfully,
Debra Fall
Chairperson of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.*

Words of Support and Encouragement

"There is a light within each of us that need never entirely go out.

We can lose battles, but not the war.

We can go on when our minds tell us that there is no point in going on ...

because something wiser than our intellectual knowledge, something deep inside tells us we can go on.

And we do."

Anonymous

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New Notification Form Shields Requester's Information

The Maryland Victim's Services Board has approved a modification of the Crime Victim Notification Request and Demand for Rights Form. The new form provides victims with the opportunity to shield their contact information from public access.

Previously, the hardcopy of the forms was available for public review and individuals requesting notification about the status of inmates were inadvertently also providing the inmate with their contact information.

Prior to this change, MCVRC took steps to protect its clients' information by allowing them to use the MCVRC address on the form.

Today, while MCVRC will still serve in that capacity, the new form allows new victims to specifically request the shielding of their information.

For individuals who already have a Crime Victim Notification Request and Demand for Rights Form on file with a jurisdiction, and wish to update your contact information or shield your information contact the Legal Department of the MCVRC for assistance.

Schedule of Events

Peer Support Group for Families & Friends of Homicide Victims

Every Other Tuesday Evening: 7-9 PM. In Upper Marlboro, Md (Call Roberta Roper and Jane Tambree` Co-Facilitators at 301-952-0063)

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National Night Out

Through Out the Country August 2nd serves as National Night Out. Contact MCVRC for locations and events near you

Ceremony of Remembrance

The Annual Ceremony of Remembrance has been scheduled for

Maryland's Statewide Memorial Service

Every year MCVRC participates in the Statewide Memorial Service. This service is to acknowledge the lives of Maryland's homicide victims.



The State's Attorney Offices of each of the counties combine their resources and host this event in four locations throughout the state. As on previous occasions, members of the MCVRC have served as guest speakers and or hosts at these events.



"SPREAD THE WORD!!! All Howard County Homicide Families, Support

The memorial service is usually held in April. Contact the MCVRC should you need additional information, wish to ensure your loved

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Social Worker's Corner



- **3 Hours of Relaxing Music**
"Evening Meditation"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZbuj3RJcJI>
- **Restaurant Weeks**
Spend time with Friends and Family during Restaurant Week in DC, MD and VA. July—August depending on

Legal Corner MCVRC Opposes ACLU Claim of

The ACLU has filed suit in federal court alleging that that more than 200 cases involving life sentences imposed on juveniles are unconstitutional and must be changed. The MCVRC is vigorously providing support to State's Attorney Offices as they counter this suit.

The attorneys at the MCVRC have evaluated more than 300 cases and provided names and case numbers to the prosecutors of 17 of the 23 Maryland County prosecutor's offices. The goal is to obtain their assistance in locating and notifying the victim representative for these cases.

The State's Attorneys have gratefully received the MCVRC information and begun informing representatives that the MCVRC services are available to assist them.

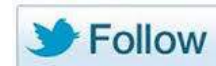
The MCVRC attorneys have also submitted petitions as parties to the suit. In addition to their normal efforts to ensure that victims representatives and family members have an opportunity to speak on behalf of the victims, MCVRC has asked the federal court to entirely dismiss the law suit.

Any crime victims. or surviving family members of crime victims may discuss this matter at no cost with an MCVRC attorney or receive updates from MCVRC about the progress of the cases challenging the validity of these Maryland inmates' old state sentences.

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MCVRC is currently providing serves and assistance at the Prince George's County Family Justice Center. Contact Ellie Jones @ 301-952-0063 for more information..

See: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/382423111.html>



Barry Simms' a lead reporter at WBAL-TV began an investigative report on Restitution in Maryland. His report aired Friday July 1st on WBAL-TV. See: <https://www.facebook.com/MDVictims> to see the report.

Mr. Simms attended the 2016 Crime Victims Conferences held on April 15 and interviewed Russell Butler and representatives of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention about the issues and problems of restitution.

To provide Mr. Simms with testimonies from people who had experienced these problems, membership of both the Survivor's Network and Baltimore City Victims' Service Network reached out to their network of service recipients.

Outraged by the reports, Mr. Simms attended a court hearing to see the legal system in operation. He produced the attached news report.

Restitution is the payment that a court orders a convicted defendant to pay to the victim as reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of the crime. Unfortunately, enforcement of these orders is rarely achieved.

The lawyers of the MCVRC, however, have been very successful in getting restitution ordered and the orders enforced. Several defendants have been incarcerated for failing to reimburse MCVRC clients. In one case, the Court's clerk expressed surprise that we were pursuing incarceration in a restitution claim. We assured her that our client wanted the \$330,000 in restitution that was owed to him and we thought incarceration would incentivize the defendant.

It did. The defendant has not missed a payment since his release.

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Addendum: Restitution

A special thank to Mr. Simms, his team, and to the victims that bravely shared their stories and frustration with Mr. Simms, on and off the camera regarding Restitution. Their work will make it possible for others to have a better chance at receiving restitution.

Barry Simms: I-Team Reporter
bsimms@hearst.com

Barry Simms currently serves as a general assignment reporter and a member of the WBAL-TV 11 News I-Team. He has been recognized for his reporting by the Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcaster's Association, the Maryland Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Associated Press and the Tri-State United Press International. Barry is also a past president of the Association of Black Media Workers and the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee. You can find Barry on

Tunbridge Public Charter School Raises Funds for MCVRC

In a wonderful tribute to the work of Roberta Roper and the Md Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC), the 7th Grade Class of the Tunbridge Public Charter School in Baltimore, Md, chose Ms. Roper and the MCVRC for their living hero and fundraising project.

The students' writing project called for them to identify an individual they would like the class to research and then to hold a fundraising walk to raise money for a related organization.



The students chose Ms. Roper and were thrilled when she came out to visit and speak with them about her experience and her work through the MCVRC.

At last count, the students had raised nearly \$1000.00 for victims and services of the

MCVRC.

About the Charter School: The Tunbridge Public Charter school is an elementary-middle school in the Govans neighborhood of Baltimore, MD. It serves 450 students in pre-k through grade eight. The Tunbridge PCS focuses on the intellectual, physical and social health of its students and is committed to providing the necessary supports and structures



In my role as a Victim Advocate for Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC), I was given the opportunity to attend the Roper Victim Assistance Academy.

The Academy is a week-long retreat intended to support and professionally develop victim service providers. The session I attended was held at the Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. The participants were from a variety of backgrounds, including licensed therapists, parole and probation workers, and criminal justice students.

The purpose of the retreat is to gain an understanding of the challenges that victims may face as they move through the criminal justice process. Retreat topics included an overview of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB), Trauma Informed Care, and strategies for dealing with domestic violence victims. Each workshop included an opportunity for discussion and reflection.

Since beginning at MCVRC, I have enjoyed being able to assist victims of crime locate victim resource services. The Academy provided an opportunity for me to expand my knowledge of victim service resources, and learn about various techniques that can be used to better help victims. In the end, it was a very enriching experience.

Several revelations surprised me. For example, I was surprised to learn that only a handful of attendees knew about the CICB and its eligibility criteria. Similarly, the level of competition between agencies for funding and outreach opportunities was also very surprising.

In the end, however, I learned a lot from my fellow participants about ways to help our clients and even the importance of caring for myself in this very stressful field. I left the academy with a more effective network of interagency relationships, a strategy for personal growth, and a toolbox of ideas and resources that I could share with my colleagues. I highly recommend the Academy to those who want to improve their victim advocacy skills, and I look forward to better serving the victim/survivor community with the skills I learned at the Academy.

Claudia Ahwireng, Victims' Advocate

The Roper Victim Assistance Academy was created in 2003 through a federal grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (www.ovc.gov), received by the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (www.goccp.org) in partnership with the University of Baltimore (www.ubalt.edu). 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 victimology, victim's rights and services and victim advocacy throughout the criminal and

Meet the Staff and Volunteers!

MCVRC's new social worker is **Ms. Jane Tambree**. Ms. Tambree is a clinical social worker with 30 years of experience. She has worked as an administrator, supervisor, trainer, and therapist throughout her career. Included in her work experiences are child protective services, psychiatry, forensics, and specialized trauma treatment with those who have suffered physical, sexual and psychological abuses. She joined MCVRC in early July and is excited to begin this new phase of her career.



Please join us in congratulating **Kristin (Nuss) Timer** on her marriage to Matthew Timer (Pronounced Tim-Mer). Kristin and Matthew were married June 25th in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Kristin is an attorney with the MCVRC.

Interns from the Univ. of Maryland and Mary Baldwin University

The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center has the pleasure of having **Sydney Chapman**, a rising sophomore at the University of Maryland, College Park, to serve as a volunteer intern this summer. We immediately noticed her reliability, hardworking demeanor, and versatile skillset. Sydney assisted mainly with our Victim Advocates by helping victims understand the legal process and providing support for them while in court. Sydney is keeping her options open as she continues her career at UMD. After graduation she intends to pursue the study law.



MCVRC has the pleasure of having **Mark Baxter**, a rising senior at the University of Maryland, College Park serve as an intern. He has helped to streamline the inner workings of the MCVRC office space, and recommended several data management techniques that have immediately been implemented. Mark hopes to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.

MCVRC has the pleasure of having **Diamond Kenner** a rising senior at the University of Maryland, College Park serve as an intern. Studying in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences she is from Glenn Dale, MD.



While at MCVRC she has served as the first person visitors meet and the first voice they hear when they come to our office.

Finally, MCVRC has the pleasure of having **Kayla Williams** of Mary Baldwin University serve as an intern. Currently a rising senior, Ms. Williams was admitted to college at the early age of 16. She has received her Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice and will receive her Bachelor of Arts in May 2017. At MCVRC, she has coordinated the efforts to



TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

Direct Services for Victims of Crime

Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center.....	866-USWOMEN
Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline.....	800-4-A-CHILD
Mothers Against Drunk Driving.....	877-MADD-HELP
National Domestic Violence Hotline.....	800-799-7233
.....	TTY 800-787-3224
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline	866-331-9474
Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.....	888-818-7662
Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network.....	800-656-HOPE

Information and Referrals for Victims of Crime

Battered Women's Justice Project.....	800-903-0111, ext. 1
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline.....	800-633-5155
Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline	877-ID-THEFT
.....	TTY 866-653-4261
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678
National Human Trafficking Hotline.....	888-3737-888
National Organization for Victim Assistance	800-879-6682
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline.....	877-SAMHSA-7
.....	TTY 800-487-4889

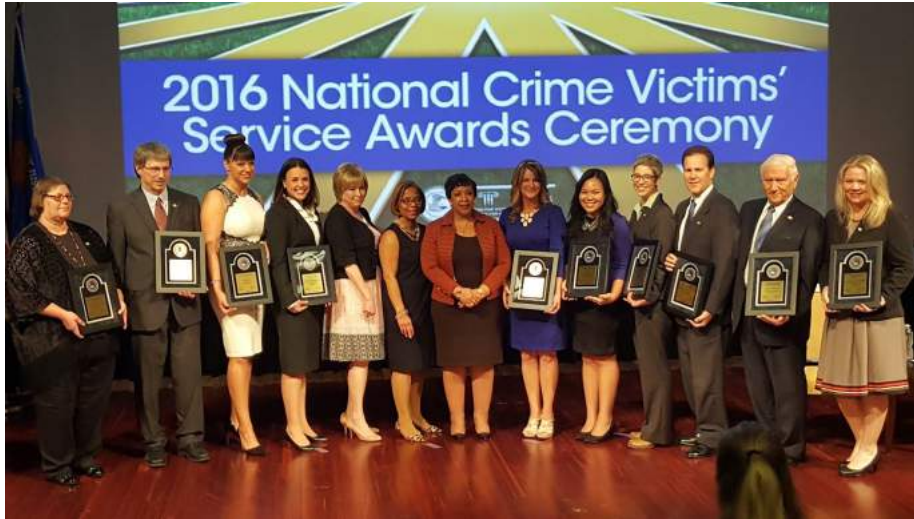
Training, Technical Assistance, and Other Services for Victims of Crime

Child Welfare Information Gateway.....	800-394-3366
National Children's Alliance.....	202-548-0090
National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges	775-784-6012
National Crime Prevention Council	202-466-6272
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (OVC Resource Center)	800-851-3420
.....	TTY 301-240-6310
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.....	800-537-2238
.....	TTY 800-553-2508
National Sexual Violence Resource Center.....	877-739-3895
.....	TTY 717-909-0715
OVC TTAC	866-OVC-TTAC
.....	TTY 866-682-8880
Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody.....	800-527-3223

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Justice Department Honors Russell Butler in Crime Victims' Rights and Services at National Ceremony



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Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch recognized several crime victim survivors, advocates and allied professionals at the 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Service Awards Ceremony. This year's event honored our very own

Executive Director, Russell Butler, for his extraordinary actions to bring positive and lasting change in the lives of crime victims.

This year's theme was *Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope*. During the ceremony, US Attorney General Loretta Lynch stated:

"The extraordinary individuals being honored today are inspiring examples of service and selflessness; Whether they are conducting research, championing new policies, or working directly with victims in need, these honorees are helping to revive hopes, restore futures, and reclaim lives. I am deeply grateful for their contributions, and I am proud to say that the Justice Department stands with them in the work of ensuring that every victim of crime in the United States receives the assistance that they need and deserve."

Award recipients are nominated by their colleagues in the field and selected by the Attorney General. Russell Butler received the **Crime Victims' Rights Award** for his advocacy on behalf of victims. This award honors those whose efforts to advance or enforce crime victims' rights benefit crime victims at the state, tribal, or national level.

The following link takes you to a two minute highlight of Mr. Butler's celebrated work. It is located on the MCVRC's YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/f007e-odUQs>

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Changes at the Criminal Injuries Compensation

The CICB has worked to make this application process more streamlined. The application has been reduced from a 5 page document to a 2 page document. At a time of significant stress, this simple change helps to make victims' requests for services less time consuming and burdensome.



The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) is a remedial body designed to provide aid and assistance to victims of crime in Maryland.

Attorneys and advocates at the MCVRC regularly assist victims in their effort to complete applications for services from the CICB.

You may contact the CICB directly, but MCVRC advocates (301-952-0063) remain available to assist you in completing this document.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
6776 Reisterstown Rd., Ste 206
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2340
www.dpscs.state.md.us

Seeking Support?

We invite you to join the MCVRC Support Group

When: Every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm

Where: MCVRC Office

Please call to attend our next session.

Justice Reinvestment Act Will Strengthen Maryland's Communities and Its Criminal Justice System

This article is from the GOCCP webpage- Governor Larry Hogan signed into law []Senate Bill 1005, the Justice Reinvestment Act, a comprehensive criminal justice reform package that will enable Maryland to better protect communities, restore families, and move the State's economy forward.

[] "This legislation strikes a balance between our most important duty of protecting public safety and the cost savings that result from a more efficient criminal justice system."

"By supporting the Justice Reinvestment Act, Governor Hogan has shown leadership on securing better outcomes for taxpayer spending, and most importantly, better outcomes for the safety of our communities," said Christopher B. Shank, chair of the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council. "The legislation prioritizes treatment for those struggling with addiction while providing us with additional tools to prosecute and hold accountable violent offenders and drug traffickers."

"The Justice Reinvestment Act's emphasis on evidence-based practices will result in better outcomes for our programs, for our communities, and for individuals who come into contact with the system," said V. Glenn Fueston Jr., executive director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. "Additionally, the Act takes steps to elevate the voices of those victimized by crime, creating opportunities to help make them whole again."

The legislation, which garnered wide, bipartisan support from the General Assembly, is the product of more than a year of discussion and research. In 2015, the General Assembly passed, and Governor Hogan supported and signed into law, legislation to establish the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council, a bipartisan group representing all three branches of state government as well as a wide array of criminal justice stakeholders. The Council met regularly over a six-month period to develop a series of data-driven recommendations that formed the basis of the Justice Reinvestment Act. []

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Attention Victims: Please review the instructions for the attached Crime Victim Notification Request and Demand for Rights Form This is Your Most Important Link to Information and Rights

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

1. Completing the attached form and returning it to the State's Attorney's Office allows you to be notified of all hearings and events related to your case. Once you return this form, you will be informed about the defendant/juvenile throughout the trial, sentencing, appeal, incarceration, supervision, and post trial release process, should they occur. **Release notice may not include notice of pre-trial release.** You are also requesting all the rights that you may have as a victim of crime. To receive personal assistance in exercising your rights, contact the State's Attorney's Office related to your case. Please read the instructions below before completing this form.
2. If you wish to receive notice so that you can exercise your LEGAL RIGHTS as a crime victim, please sign this form and return the white, yellow, pink, green and blue copies to the State's Attorney's Office that is handling your case. *Keep the goldenrod copy for your future reference.*
3. You are urged to complete this form immediately to ensure that your rights are upheld. If you do not sign and return the form now, you may still request and receive information about your court case from the State's Attorney's Office handling your case at a later date; however, it is strongly recommended that you promptly forward the completed form to the State's Attorney's Office.
4. Whether or not you sign and return the form, you may be needed as a witness in the case and therefore, you may be contacted by the State's Attorney's Office. At this time, you may also be required to appear and testify in court. Even if you designate a person or organization to receive notices concerning your court case, the State's Attorney's Office handling your case may contact you directly.
5. **If you change your address or phone number, you must tell the State's Attorney's Office,** or they will have no way of notifying you. **In cases where the offender has been convicted and is either incarcerated, on probation or parole or has appealed his conviction, you must also notify the commitment facility, Division of Parole and Probation or the Office of the Attorney General of any change of address or telephone number.**
6. If, at any time, you wish to stop being notified about your case, or no longer want to exercise your rights as a victim, you must put your request in writing and send it to the State's Attorney, or to the facility specified in the commitment order if the defendant/juvenile has been incarcerated.
7. **REMEMBER:** If you have designated another person and/or organization to receive any notices for your case, *it is your responsibility to keep in touch with your contact person or organization.* If your representative moves, or otherwise becomes unavailable, or if you move without notifying your representative, it is possible that you may not receive notification of the events to which you are entitled under law.

CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION REQUEST AND DEMAND FOR RIGHTS FORM**Form must be completed for each defendant and/or juvenile.**

In the Circuit/Juvenile Court for

County/City (Circle one)

Court Case No.

Case Tracking No. (If known)

Inmate No. (If known)

State v.

Date of Birth

**CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION REQUEST AND DEMAND FOR RIGHTS FORM
(PLEASE BEAR DOWN FIRMLY AND PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)**

Victim's Name:

Ms. / Miss / Mrs. / Mr. (Circle one)

If a minor, Date of Birth

If Victim is a Minor, Deceased, or Disabled,
give Victim Representative's Name:
Ms. / Miss / Mrs. / Mr. (Circle one)

Relationship

I REQUEST NOTICE OF ALL EVENTS RELATED TO THIS CASE AND TO THE DEFENDANT/JUVENILE, AS ALLOWED BY LAW, AND DEMAND ALL THE RIGHTS TO WHICH VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE ENTITLED. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT I MAY NOT BENEFIT FROM MY RIGHTS AS A VICTIM.

*Signature of Victim or Victim's Representative*_____
Date

Please refer to the instruction page attached to the front of this form for specific instructions and information.

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD IN THIS CASE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN THE RECORD, CHECK THIS BOX TO REQUEST SHIELDING OF THIS INFORMATION.

Victim/Victim's Representative:

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone (Day)

Phone (Evening)

Cell Phone

Email

If another person or organization has agreed to receive and forward notices to you AND you agree to maintain contact with the Alternate, complete the following information

Name of Alternate Victim Contact:

Relationship to Victim/Victim's Representative:

Family Member

Friend

Support Agency

other

Contact Address

City

State

Zip

Phone (Day)

Phone (Evening)

Cell Phone

Email

Criminal Justice Agencies please refer to the reverse side of this form for processing instructions.

WHITE: Clerk of Court; YELLOW: State's Attorney; PINK: Detention/DOC/DHMH; GREEN: Parole & Probation;
BLUE: Attorney General's Office; GOLDENROD: Victim/Victim's Rep.



INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

MD CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD (CICB)

6776 Reisterstown Rd, Ste. 206, Baltimore, MD 21215

Office: (410) 585-3010 | Fax: (410) 764-3815; Email: CICB.Application@Maryland.Gov
<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/victimservs/cicb/index.shtml>

The MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) is a state agency with the purpose of compensating victims of crime for losses sustained from their victimization. (See benefits listing below)

Application Instructions:

- Fully complete the enclosed two page application
- Write legibly; or complete the fillable online application (see webpage above for fillable app.)
- Sign the authorizations on Page 2. Failure to sign may result in your application being returned
- Mail or hand deliver the completed application to the CICB office

CICB Eligibility Requirements:

- The Crime must be reported to authorities within 48 hours (good cause exceptions may apply)
- A CICB application must be filed within 3 years of the crime (exceptions apply for child victims)
- The crime must have occurred in the state of Maryland (exceptions may apply for terrorist acts)
- Claimants must be at least 18 years of age (parents or guardians must apply for those under 18)
- The victim must have suffered a physical or psychological injury; a financial loss resulting from the crime of at least \$100; or at least two weeks of lost wages
- **Not covered by CICB:** property loss, mileage, lock changes, relocation, child care, pain and suffering, and all other losses not listed below
- **CICB is the payer of last resort:** All other reimbursement options must be exhausted before CICB

What May Make An Application 'Ineligible':

- The victim contributed to their injury; or the victim initiated, consented to, provoked, or unreasonably failed to avoid a confrontation with the offender
- A claimant may not receive an award if the victim was participating in a crime or delinquent act when the injury was inflicted and the victim's actions proximately caused the injury
- Failure to cooperate with law enforcement or CICB
- Failure to provide documentation required for a CICB compensation award

Benefits & Required Documentation: CICB is required to verify all losses. Below is a list of benefits and documents that may be required. **Other documentation may be required. Maximum award is \$45,000**

- **All claims:** Police report or police report number. Report to judicial authority may also be considered
- **Medical/Dental:** (Up to \$45,000) Itemized bills; letter from a doctor or medical documentation relating the injury to the crime and the treatment; treatment plan; & medical insurance. If the claimant has no private insurance, CICB requires the claimant to apply for Medicaid
- **Counseling:** (Up to \$5,000) Letter from a therapist documenting treatment related to crime; itemized statements; receipts if paid out of pocket by claimant
- **Lost Wages/Disability:** (Up to \$25,000) Employer information; W-2's and/or pay stubs; letter from a doctor certifying inability to work. Permanent disability may necessitate additional documents
- **Funeral/Burial:** (Up to \$5,000) Funeral/burial bill; death certificate; life insurance information
- **Crime scene clean-up:** (Up to \$250) Itemized bill
- **Loss of Support:** (Up to \$25,000) Depending on relationship of parties, CICB may require: proof of cohabitation; employment; or financial contribution by the decedent to support the claimant

MARYLAND CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD (CICB)
APPLICATION FOR CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION
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<http://www.dpsc.state.md.us/victimservs/cicb/index.shtml>

SECTION 1: VICTIM INFORMATION					
Victim's Full Name:					Social Security Number:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth: / /	Primary Language:	Marital Status:	Safe Telephone Number:	Email Address:
Current Address:					County:

VICTIM STATISTICAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)	
Race/Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Latino/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Races <input type="checkbox"/> Some Other Race: _____ Birthplace, if not the United States: _____	
Are you a person living with a disability?: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" is the disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Mental <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental	
Who referred you to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board?: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> States Attorney's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Program <input type="checkbox"/> Poster/Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

SECTION 2: CLAIMANT INFORMATION					
Claimant's Full Name (If claimant is the same as victim, write "SELF"):	Social Security Number (*See Pg 2):				
Relationship to Victim (Check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a Minor Child <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian of Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Person Responsible for Crime-Related Expenses <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide here) _____					
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth: / /	Primary Language:	Marital Status:	Safe Telephone Number:	Email Address:
Current Address:					County:

SECTION 3: CRIME INFORMATION			
Date of Crime: / / Time: : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Date Reported to Authorities: / / Time: : <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		
Address Where Crime Occurred (If Known):			
City/Town:	County:	State:	
Police Department:	Detective Name:	Phone Number:	Police Report No. :
Offender/Suspect Information (If the suspect(s) has/have no relation to the victim please put "N/A")			
Name: _____	Relation: _____	Court Case Number: _____	Court: _____
Name: _____	Relation: _____	Court Case Number: _____	Court: _____
Description of Crime: (If necessary, attach separate paper)			
Did the crime involve a motor vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Did the crime happen at work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

SECTION 4: REQUESTED EXPENSES	
Check all that apply for the type of financial assistance that you are seeking. Please include with your application the items needed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNSELING <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> FUNERAL/BURIAL ASSISTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> CRIME SCENE CLEAN UP <input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF EARNINGS	
Dates Absent From Work: ___/___/___ To ___/___/___ Employer: _____	
Address: _____	Phone: _____

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL BENEFITS INFORMATION			
Please check any financial benefits that may be applied towards the reported crime indicated above.			
PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	LIFE INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING
MEDICAID (Medical Assistance)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING
MEDICARE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	HOME OWNERS/RENTERS INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	CHARITY OR DONATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING
SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVOR BENEFITS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	COURT ORDERED RESTITUTION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING
WORKERS' COMPENSATION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING	CIVIL JUDGMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING

SECTION 6: AUTHORIZATIONS AND AGREEMENTS			
REPRESENTATION BY OTHERS			
Name of Representative: <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Provider		Name of Firm or Organization:	
Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center			
Street Address: 1001 Prince George's Blvd. Suite 750		City: Upper Marlboro	State: MD
Telephone Number: 301-952-0063	Fax Number: 240-929-0526	Zip: 20774	
Email Address:			
<p>My signature below signifies that the attorney(s) and/or victim service provider(s) listed above are my representatives for the purposes of this claim. As such, the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board has my permission to share information with, request information from, and discuss this claim with the attorney(s) and/or victim service provider(s) listed above. I also understand that if I wish to revoke this authorization, I may do so, in writing, to the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) at any time.</p>			
Claimant's Signature _____		Date _____	

PERMISSION FOR USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

*Under authority of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i), CICB requires that if a claimant has a Social Security Number, it must be provided for verification of payment of Maryland state taxes or other debts owed to the State. Social Security Numbers are also useful to CICB for verifying medical bills & benefits, wages, social security benefits, and workers' compensation benefits. CICB's use of your Social Security Number for these additional purposes can help speed up the processing of your claim. Please indicate by initialing below whether you wish to permit CICB to use your Social Security Number for these other verification purposes:

_____ I agree to permit CICB to use my Social Security Number for the additional purposes listed above.

_____ I do not agree to permit CICB to use my Social Security Number for any purpose other than verification of payment of Maryland state taxes or other debts owed to the State.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATIONS

I hereby authorize the release of the following information to the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board:

- Any funeral records, or related service records, pertaining to the crime stated in the claim above.
- Any verification of employment from the employer listed previously on this application.
- Any medical bill or statement of services provided, pertaining to the crime stated in the claim above.
- Any police record or record of another governmental entity, including State and Federal taxing authorities, pertaining to the crime above.
- Any financial statement of benefits already paid to the victim or claimant pertaining to the crime stated in the claim above.

I also understand that if I wish to revoke this authorization, I may do so, in writing to the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, at any time.

Claimant's Signature _____ Date _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

The Claimant understands that the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) is the payer of last resort. If an award is granted, the claimant specifically agrees to inform the CICB of and to repay the State of Maryland for any funds that the claimant receives from any other source that has not already been considered. The claimant agrees to repay any funds that the claimant receives from the offender, any other person or source, including any award for pain and suffering. An award creates a lien in favor of the State of Maryland. The Claimant further agrees, understands and is put on notice that if the claims, or the statements made in this application, are determined to be intentionally in error, false, or fraudulent, the claimant may be considered to have committed perjury and as a result may be disqualified from receiving CICB benefits and may be required to refund to the CICB all money paid by CICB on the claimant's behalf.

Claimant's Signature _____ Date _____

Become A Member!

Victim Supporter \$25

As a Victim Supporter, you will receive a free subscription to the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events.

Victim Friend \$50

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Victim Advocate \$100

As a Victim Advocate, you will receive a free subscription to the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events, a memorial ornament on the MCVRC-sponsored Holiday Tree of Remembrance, and a 25% discount on all special event tickets.

Lifetime Membership \$500

As a Lifetime Member, you will receive all benefits of a Victim Supporter for your lifetime.

Organization Membership \$500

As an Organizational Member, your organization will receive the MCVRC newsletter including advance notification of all special events, and three complimentary ornaments on the MCVRC-sponsored Holiday Tree of Remembrance.

Volunteer!

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Office Assistance – Work alongside our key staff by providing office assistance as your time allows. Schedules are flexible to match your availability.

Community Events – Staff neighborhood gatherings, and other events as needed to provide more information about The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

Pro Bono Assistance – Attorneys to provide pro bono assistance to crime victims experiencing civil matters that are a result of the victimization.

Contact Us!

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First Line (max. 15 characters):

Second Line (max 15 characters):

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