

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

NOTICE

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TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The purpose of this Notice is to remind personnel of their duty to inform victims of benefits available to them through the California Victim Compensation Board and the existence of victims' centers, per California Government Code Section 13962. Victims should be directed to the paragraph about the Victim Assistance Programs at the bottom of the victim's copy of the Investigative Report, Form 03.01.00. This includes the contact information for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program and Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services.

These programs provide services to victims, witnesses and their families. Services include crisis intervention, emergency assistance, information and referrals to local public or private agencies, assistance in filing California Victim Compensation forms, case status or disposition information for felony and misdemeanor cases, explanation of court procedures and court accompaniment if requested, notification to the family and/or employer if requested, and liaison with police agencies and other state and local agencies. These services are provided free of charge and there are no legal residency or citizenship requirements.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program has advocates in all 21 geographic Areas, four Traffic Divisions, and the Central and Valley Bureau Family Justice Centers. The Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services has representatives in Rampart, Southeast and Southwest Areas, as well as, South Bureau Homicide. These programs also have offices in several courthouses. Representatives are available for roll call presentations and pamphlets for victims can be requested from them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Domestic Violence Coordinator, Detective Bureau, at (213) 486-7000.

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