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The Honorable James J. Florio
Governor of the State of New Jersey

Honorable Members of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1a(6), I am submitting the first report on the activities and the accomplishments of the State and County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy and on the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. The reporting period covers fiscal years 1986 through 1989.

Included in this report is a review of victims' rights in New Jersey and statistical data on crime victims served by the program and the services provided to them.

The services of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy are significantly supported by the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund and ensure that crime victims are treated with dignity and compassion.

The special emotional needs of victims no longer are unattended. New Jersey now provides caring, concern and support to the victims of crime. They in turn are better prepared to willingly and effectively participate in the prosecution of those who have victimized them.

Respectfully,

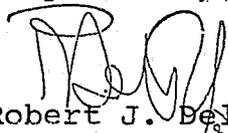

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INTRODUCTION

This report, submitted pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1a(6)*, documents the use of the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund and efforts that have been undertaken by the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to fulfill the obligations of victims' rights legislation.

Nothing can prepare a person to be a victim of murder, rape, robbery or aggravated assault. Yet one of these violent crimes is committed every 11 minutes in New Jersey, and more than 400 thousand people are victims of crime in this State each year. But the real issue is the tragic story behind each statistic, and the life that has been broken and has lost a sense of meaning. While much has been achieved for victims in New Jersey, there remains much more to accomplish.

By the concerted effort of the Attorney General and the 21 County Prosecutors, the criminal justice system has affirmatively striven to improve the response provided to victims of criminal offenses and to increase the service to witnesses of criminal events. Too frequently in the past, victims and witnesses have been expected to respond to the call of the justice system without corresponding response to their needs. While providing statements, attending line-ups, coming to court perhaps several times and testifying may never be pleasant and convenient experiences, moral and fiscal support can lessen the anxiety and disruption to daily activities.

In New Jersey, a number of legislative initiatives have paved the way for improved treatment of crime victims by the criminal justice system. The Crime Victim's Bill of Rights was signed into law on July 31, 1985. During the following year, in January, legislation created the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy within the Division of Criminal Justice and the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy within each County Prosecutor's Office. The same legislation, which became effective in April 1986, required the Attorney General, through the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and in consultation with the County Prosecutors, to promulgate standards for law enforcement agencies to ensure that the rights of crime victims are enforced. Additional legislation created the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund which is supported by penalty assessments imposed on convicted offenders and is used to establish and enhance services to victims and witnesses statewide.

Among the rights and services guaranteed by these laws are: the right to be notified of the status of cases; the right of victims to be given assistance with financial aid and social services; the right of victims to have their property returned in a timely fashion once it has been used as evidence; the right of victims to secure waiting areas in courthouses; and the right of victims to be protected from intimidation.

The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy cannot undo the harm inflicted upon victims. It can, however, see to it that the system and its officials pay more attention to the rights and needs of victims. That, in turn, will facilitate victims participation and cooperation.

Chapter 1 of the report provides an overview of the most comprehensive laws and policies on victims' rights in New Jersey. Chapters 2 and 3 offer an overview of services provided by the program and a description of major goals and accomplishments. Chapter 4 provides summary descriptions of each of New Jersey's 21 County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy. Chapter 5 describes the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund and contains financial statements for fiscal years 1986 through 1989. Chapter 6 provides an examination of program statistics which represent the number of clients serviced by the program and the frequency with which the different services have been utilized.

Chapter 1

VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN NEW JERSEY

Crime Victim's Bill of Rights

The New Jersey Crime Victim's Bill of Rights (*N.J.S.A. 52:4B-36*) is designed to seek basic fairness for victims and establish a role for victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system. While this legislation is denominated as "rights," there are no remedies explicitly provided should a criminal justice agency fail to live up to the statute.

The provisions guaranteed to victims under the Crime Victim's Bill of Rights are:

- To be treated with dignity and compassion by the criminal justice system;
- To be informed about the criminal justice process;
- To be free from intimidation;
- To have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized to the fullest extent possible;
- To make at least one telephone call provided the call is reasonable in both length and location called;
- To medical assistance if, in the judgment of the law enforcement agency, medical assistance appears necessary;
- To be notified if presence in court is not needed;
- To be informed about available remedies, financial assistance and social services;
- To be compensated for their loss whenever possible;
- To be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings;
- To be advised of case progress and final disposition; and
- To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

Homicide and Sudden Death Survivor Guidelines

On April 18, 1986, the Working Group on the Development of Homicide and Sudden Death Survivor Guidelines submitted the newly "Revised Homicide and Sudden Death Survivor Guidelines" to the Attorney General. This report was the first in the nation to set forth guidelines to ensure that survivors of homicide and sudden death are afforded proper assistance by law enforcement personnel. The guidelines set forth minimum standards for dealing with survivors of homicide and sudden death in the following areas: notification of death, release of information and property, financial and social assistance, case status information, and organ donations/transplants.

Drunk Driving Victim's Bill of Rights

In January 1986, the Drunk Driving Victim's Bill of Rights was signed into law which, among other provisions, permits a victim the opportunity to consult with the prosecutor prior to dismissal or plea negotiations if the victim sustained bodily injury (see Appendix A).

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy

The 1986 legislation establishing the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy within the Division of Criminal Justice prescribes 16 specific services that are to be provided to victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution of a case. These services include case status notification, information about compensation and the criminal justice system, separate waiting areas, escorts to court, referrals for other needed services, transportation, employer intervention, and expeditious return of property. To implement these services statewide, the Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is authorized to appoint a County Victim-Witness Coordinator in each county. The law also calls for the Attorney General to establish standards for law enforcement agencies to ensure that the rights of crime victims are enforced (see Appendix B).

Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund

Legislation signed into law on January 9, 1986, established the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund and directed that \$5.00 of the assessed mandatory minimum penalty for each offense be placed in the Fund to be "used to support the development and provision of services to victims and witnesses of crime and for related administrative costs" (see Appendix C). The Fund is administered by the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice. Pursuant to the statute, the Director of the Division has promulgated rules and regulations to implement the purposes of the Fund (see Appendix D).

Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims

The Attorney General issued the **Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims** on April 30, 1988. The Standards were developed by a thirty-two member Advisory Committee composed of law enforcement officials, victim service providers and members of victim advocacy and support groups.

The Standards operationalize the various statutory rights and services for victims from the time of the crime until after the final disposition of the case. In general, the Standards meet four basic needs of innocent citizens stricken by crime: to be supported, informed, respected, and protected. The Standards describe required treatment and support services during the criminal investigation, while the prosecution proceeds, and after the case is concluded. Specific and detailed directives are contained in the Standards which require ongoing notification requirements about developments in the case (i.e., pre-trial release, court dates, sentencing); information about compensation, the return of stolen property, the workings of the criminal justice system, and victim rights within the system; minimization of inconvenience to the victim, whenever possible, in scheduling of appointments and interviews, and sensitive treatment throughout the victim's involvement with the justice system; protection from intimidation and harassment; consultation with the victim, whenever possible, before dismissal or acceptance of a plea agreement; and a broad range of other services, including transportation to court, child care, separate waiting areas, employer intercession, assistance with compensation claims and victim impact statements, and referral to appropriate service providers.

Each provision in the Standards was time-lined for implementation at immediate, short-term, and long-term stages.

Immediate Standards have been implemented. These Standards generally include those which carried a statutory mandate which had been in effect, required minimum changes to existing policies and procedures, did not require additional staffing or financial resources, and could be effectuated through training programs and Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.).

Short-term Standards are designated for implementation by April 1990. Implementation of these Standards generally requires some advance planning, changes in protocols, and limited additional funding and physical facilities.

Long-term Standards are to be implemented by April 1993. These Standards will require significant changes in, or additions to, current procedure on a multi- and inter-agency level and will require complex planning and coordination efforts, as well as the development of remedies for funding and resource constraints.

The Standards identify the officials who are responsible for implementation, establish the use of S.O.P.'s where applicable, and provide sample forms and letters which will streamline procedures. In addition, the Standards will be evaluated annually to identify compliance and feasibility issues.

Bias Incident Investigation Standards

On January 28, 1988, the Attorney General promulgated detailed Standards which directs police agencies to investigate crimes or other incidents with a racial, religious or ethnic motive. The Standards place special emphasis on victim assistance and community relations oriented to reduce victim trauma and community tension or fear.

Crime Victims' Compensation

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) was established by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971 (P.L. 1971, c. 317 1, effective October 4, 1971) to assist victims of violent crimes who have suffered personal injuries. In accordance with *N.J.S.A. 52:4B-1 et seq.*, the Violent Crimes Compensation Board compensates qualifying innocent victims for nonreimbursable medical expenses and loss of earnings incurred as a result of crime-related injuries. In the case of the victim's death, compensation may be paid to or for the benefit of the dependents of the deceased victim.

The Federal Victims of Crime Act

The Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was signed into law on October 12, 1984, as part of the Comprehensive Crime Control package. VOCA was amended and reauthorized through Federal fiscal year 1994 under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, Title VII, Subtitle D, P.L. 100-690, which was signed into law on November 18, 1988. VOCA provides funding for direct services to victims of crime and identifies, as priorities, programs which assist victims of sexual assault, spousal abuse and child abuse. The recently approved amendments added a fourth priority category to provide "other" violent crimes. A minimum of ten percent of the 1989 federal VOCA funds must be spent on each of these four areas.

The Act established a Crime Victims Fund in the Treasury which is supported by monies collected from federal criminal fines, penalty assessments, forfeited bonds and royalties. The 1988 amendments to the legislation increased the base amount each state shall receive in victim assistance funds from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for Fiscal Years 1989, 1990, and 1991. For Fiscal Years 1992, 1993, and 1994 the base amount will be \$200,000. The remaining funds are then distributed to each eligible jurisdiction on the basis of population.

In New Jersey, the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) administers the victim assistance portion of the Federal Victims of Crime Act Program which has provided federal funding totaling \$4,393,000 for victim services since the Program's inception in 1986. The allocations by year were: \$1,230,000 for 1986; \$901,000 for 1987; \$1,024,000 for 1988 and \$1,230,000 for 1989.

Parole Input

A 1983 statute (*N.J.S.A.* 30:4-123.54) regarding victims' involvement in the parole process provides that victims be notified of upcoming parole hearings and allows the victim to submit a victim impact statement to be considered by the Parole Board in rendering its decision.

Victim Impact Statements

Victim impact statements contain a written account, from victims' perspectives, of the damage and harm inflicted upon them as a result of the crime. The purpose of legislation which allows for such statements is to provide victims with an avenue for participation and a means of communicating their position to the sentencing judge. In 1980, legislation (*N.J.S.A.* 2C:44-6) was signed into law which permits victim impact statements as part of the pre-sentence investigation report. In 1985, the statute was amended to include victims of juvenile offenders.

Chapter 2

STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCACY

The mission of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is to support and expand victim-witness services across the State in coordination with the law enforcement community. The goal of the statewide program is to provide victims and witnesses with services that will help them cope with the aftermath of victimization and help make their participation in the system less ominous and burdensome.

Pursuant to New Jersey statute and upon recommendation of the County Prosecutor, the Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has appointed Victim-Witness Coordinators in each of the 21 counties who have been sworn into office by the Attorney General. The coordinators are responsible for implementing victims' rights and services in their jurisdiction. The County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy are located in the County Prosecutors' Offices and are jointly administered by the County Prosecutors and the Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

Funding for the operation of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is completely derived from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. Funding for the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy is partially derived from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. Other funding sources for county offices include federal VOCA funds, and county appropriations.

The first Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy was sworn into office by the Attorney General on June 23, 1986. Additional State office staff includes one professional assistant and a secretary.

The State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is responsible for developing and implementing procedures and standards for law enforcement and the Victim-Witness Advocacy Offices throughout the State; evaluating the effectiveness of each county program; developing and conducting law enforcement training programs throughout the State for victim advocacy; providing services upon request to victims and witnesses; and is responsible for the allocation and distribution of monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. The office also co-sponsors the Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Conference every April with the Office of Victim-Witness Assistance within the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB).

The office collects statewide statistical data on the number and type of victims the program provides services to; tracks the type and number of services provided as well as the number of case status notifications made. These statistics are analyzed to evaluate the activity of the county offices and are provided to the County Prosecutors in a quarterly statistical report.

The State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy regularly receives requests for information and/or referrals. In the last three years, the office has responded to approximately 2,800 inquiries from federal and state agencies, national and local victim organizations, victims, police departments, universities, other State Attorneys General Offices, attorneys, social workers and others.

In addition, the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is presently working to produce a comprehensive guide to the New Jersey criminal justice system for victims and witnesses as required by the Attorney General Standards.

The following are some of the major activities and accomplishments of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund

In FY'89, two separate appropriations totaling \$600,000 were awarded to the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy to implement the Attorney General Standards. Individual county allocations were derived from a formula based on population, crime rate, and the number of cases reviewed by the County Prosecutor. In FY'90, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy plans to expand funding to other criminal justice agencies to establish victim services.

Training

In 1986, the office drafted curriculums for the Basic Detective and Investigator Course; Basic Police Recruit Course; the Assistant Prosecutor Course; and the In-Service Police Officers Course.

In 1987, the State office enrolled all county coordinators in the Methods of Instruction (MOI) course provided by the Police Training Commission (PTC). All county coordinators are now certified to conduct victim-witness trainings in the police academies throughout the State using the curriculums devised by the State office.

In February, 1987, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy sponsored a two-day victim assistance training conference for law enforcement. The curriculum for this seminar was developed and conducted by the National Sheriff's Association under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The State office coordinates and sponsors an annual 3-day training program for county coordinators; conducts an orientation program for all newly appointed coordinators; and provides them with ongoing technical assistance.

Legislation

To help enforce and improve victims rights, the office researches and prepares comments on legislation relating to victim issues.

Interagency Liaison

The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy works closely with the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB), the State Parole Board, and the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) to develop new procedures, protocols and services for victims. In furtherance of this goal, the staff of the State office participates on the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Advisory Board; the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Protection Subcommittee; the Governor's Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence, Public Awareness and Education Subcommittee; the New Jersey Prosecutor's Victim-Witness Association; and the Coalition of Crime Victims' Rights Organizations in New Jersey.

The State office also interacts with the Administrative Office of the Courts; Department of Health, Rape Care Program; Division on Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence Program; and all factions of law enforcement on issues of mutual concern.

Direct Services

While the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is primarily an administrative office, it is often the first contact that crime victims have with State government and victim support networks. Information and referrals are routinely provided to victims who contact the office after a victimization. In addition, the State office provides case status notification in appellate cases to victims upon request.

Clearinghouse

The State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has developed a library which includes national and state legislation and training materials. The State office responds to requests for information on victim rights and services and provides materials for training and informational purposes.

Public Education/Awareness

The staff of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy regularly speak on the issues associated with victims' rights to civic organizations and professional groups across the State. In addition, the office has a public information display which is used annually for the Jersey Jubilee, State Fair, and Crime Victims' Rights Week Conference.

Crime Victims' Rights Week

As first declared by the President, the third week of April is set aside annually to commemorate the victims of violent crime. Each year, the State office co-sponsors, with the VCCB, a statewide conference featuring renowned, expert speakers who focus on current, significant issues. Outstanding service awards are presented each year at the conference to a law enforcement agency for its efforts to assist victims and to a victim who has worked diligently to promote victims' rights and help other victims in a volunteer capacity. The Crime Victims' Rights Week Conference traditionally features a proclamation from the Governor declaring the week as Crime Victims' Rights Week in New Jersey.

Management Information System

The State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy developed and implemented a management information system to document and monitor the delivery of victim-witness services statewide. It is a comprehensive system for recording and assessing all major program activities. The system provides for standardized recordkeeping and permits the pooling of data across programs, helping to create county-wide and state-wide data bases on victims and victim services.

The State office has initiated efforts with the Administrative Office of the Courts to modify the Promis/Gavel information system used by the counties to accommodate the information requirements of case status notification to victims.

Program Evaluation

The State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy evaluates each county office annually. The State office is committed to an evaluation approach that accounts for the unique characteristics of the individual county offices and provides a means by which standards can be set and maintained for all County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

The purpose of having a state-wide system for evaluating the program is to clarify program goals and methods and communicate them to all concerned; to identify unique or strong program components which can be shared and incorporated into other county programs; to identify problem areas and provide technical assistance to strengthen any weakness; to enable the County Victim-Witness Coordinator and staff to develop priorities about the major thrusts in victim services; to motivate and stimulate coordinators to conceptualize and implement the goals and objectives of their program; and to highlight and reinforce the role of the County Victim-Witness Coordinator.

An evaluation of the effectiveness of the state-wide program consists of an analysis of each office's compliance with the Attorney General Standards and a quality assurance review of the following administrative issues and policies: office space/location; staffing; case management procedures; emergency fund management; outreach procedures; counseling and case assessment; referral procedures; and use of State and federal funds.

Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims

During 1987, the staff prepared recommended "Interim Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims", and later directed and assisted the efforts of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee in the development of the finalized Standards.

Municipal Prosecutor Mailboxes

Chapter 307, Laws of 1987, requires each municipal prosecutor to inform the municipal court judge, in writing, of the death of any person or the extent of personal injury sustained by a person as a result of a motor vehicle violation. At the suggestion of the Division of State Police, the cooperation of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and the assistance of the County Prosecutors, staff are coordinating the installment of mailboxes purchased with funds from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund for those municipal courts which handle traffic cases brought by State Police Officers. These mailboxes will be utilized by the New Jersey State Police to either mail or hand deliver the necessary information to the Municipal Prosecutor. The mailboxes will be located in proximity to the municipal court clerks' offices.

Chapter 3

COUNTY OFFICES OF VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCACY

The centerpiece of the State's response to the needs of crime victims is the County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy administered in each of the twenty-one County Prosecutors' Offices. It is these programs which have the most direct contact with the thousands of victims and witnesses proceeding through the criminal justice system.

Prior to enactment of *N.J.S.A. 52:4B-43* et seq. in 1986, most County Prosecutors provided victim-witness services, but these programs operated with limited staffing and funding and without statutory authority. After enactment of the statute, a full-time County Victim-Witness Coordinator was employed within each County Prosecutor's Office and services were standardized statewide. Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund have helped to improve several program components such as case status notification, transportation, emergency assistance, counseling services, and safe waiting areas in courthouses.

The goal of the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy is to improve the treatment of victims and witnesses and ensure their rights by providing the assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from a criminal act and to support, aid and advocate for them as they move through the criminal justice process.

Under the mandated services of *N.J.S.A. 52:4B-44.1-16*, the Crime Victims Bill of Rights, and the **Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims**, crime victims and witnesses are provided with a number of important services that the county coordinators are principally responsible for providing.

The following section highlights the services provided by the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy:

Case Status Notification

The county offices notify all victims of case developments and possible delays in proceedings. Several county offices have used allotments from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund to develop computerized tracking systems that improve upon and streamline the notification process.

The notification system consists of a series of letters which correspond to the following significant phases of criminal prosecution:

1. Initial contact or introductory letter that informs the victim or witness that the case has been referred to the Prosecutor's Office and explains and offers the services available from the County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.
2. Pre-grand jury remand.
3. Administrative dismissal.
4. Grand jury remand.
5. Grand jury dismissal (no bill).
6. Indictment returned (true bill).

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7. Acceptance into Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTI).
 8. Termination from or completion of Pre-Trial Intervention Program.
 9. Negotiated plea on all charges.
 10. Release on bail/conditions of bail.
 11. Fugitive status.
 12. Court dismissal.
 13. Sentencing date.
 14. Sentence imposed on the defendant by the court.
 15. Defendant's filing of an appeal and subsequent status changes.
 16. Disposition on all charges.
 17. Mistrial/retrial.
 18. Mistrial/dismissal.
 19. Other unique or special occurrences.

Court Accompaniment and Transportation Services

Victims and witnesses are provided with transportation and a court escort when their appearance is required. Transportation assistance can be in the form of reimbursement to victims for travel expenses they incurred or by staff transporting victims and witnesses themselves. Several county offices have used the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund to purchase vehicles in order to transport victims and witnesses to criminal proceedings.

Employer and Creditor Intercession

When victims or witnesses are threatened with financial hardship or loss of employment from creditors or employers as a result of their physical injuries or their cooperation with the criminal justice system, County Victim-Witness Coordinators are responsible for interceding on their behalf. Employers and creditors are typically provided with verification letters explaining why a victim's or witness's participation is essential for the prosecution of a case. County Victim-Witness Coordinators notify creditors and attempt to forestall further punitive action should a victim be temporarily unable to continue payments. When necessary, coordinators personally meet with employers to secure their cooperation in limiting or curtailing any loss of pay or benefits that an employee would suffer as a direct result of the crime and their participation in the criminal justice process.

Expedited Property Return

Under the **Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims**, property retained for prosecution should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 45 days of the judgement of conviction unless evidentiary requirements pertaining to an appeal prohibit it. Property not retained for prosecution should be returned within 30 days of recovery. In many cases, photographs can be presented at trial in place of the actual physical evidence. County Victim-Witness Coordinators assist victims with the property retrieval process by providing information and advocating with law enforcement officials on their behalf.

Victim-Witness Waiting Rooms

Under *N.J.S.A. 52:4B-44b(8)*, County Victim-Witness Coordinators are required to provide separate waiting facilities for victims and witnesses, but the crowded condition of many courthouses in the State has made the provision of this service difficult. Some counties use the County Victim-Witness Coordinator's office to accommodate victims and witnesses if courthouses lack facilities. Several have used the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund to create and furnish separate and secure waiting areas. Most counties report that adequate space for victims and witnesses is not available.

Child Care

Victims and witnesses are provided with child care services when their appearance is required throughout the duration of a criminal case. In most cases, county office staff provide care for children themselves, but some have negotiated agreements with local, State approved day care centers to provide services on a temporary basis.

Counseling and Support Services

Crisis intervention and short-term counseling are provided by county office staff and referrals are made to a variety of social service agencies for further care. Several county programs sponsor support groups for sexual assault victims and homicide survivors. Office staff also assist victims with relocation to shelters and with obtaining food and clothing.

Information on Compensation, Restitution and Other Forms of Financial Entitlements.

County Victim-Witness Coordinators and their staff are responsible for providing victims and witnesses with information that will help them secure victim compensation and monetary restitution from a criminal defendant. All county coordinators are trained to assess the special needs of victims of crime and to determine whether they may be eligible for financial awards. Claim forms for compensation are usually sent to victims with their initial contact letter, or distributed during the initial interview. In addition, coordinators and staff work with assistant prosecutors and investigators to identify those victims who might be eligible for assistance. Office staff also assist in documenting and verifying losses suffered by victims to expedite claims and to advocate for restitution.

Victim Impact Statements

The County Victim-Witness Coordinator informs victims of their right to provide a victim impact statement to the court upon notification of sentencing. Pamphlets and other printed forms explaining the victim's right to have written input at sentencing have been prepared by several county offices. County office staff often assist victims with the preparation of their statements. Copies of the impact statement are generally included in the Pre-sentence Investigation Report (PSI).

Parole Input

County coordinators help with victim input into the parole process by notifying victims of this right and informing them about how to register with the State Parole Board so that they may provide a statement prior to the time of the defendant's parole hearing.

Criminal Justice Information

Because victims are often confused and disoriented about their involvement in the criminal justice system, county coordinators routinely provide an explanation of proceedings that may occur during the prosecution phase. They also give victims an idea of what to expect (i.e., time frames, possible sentencing options, etc.). Coordinators frequently help to orient victims by providing court room walk-throughs, preparing them for what will happen in the Grand Jury and giving them advice about testifying.

In conclusion, it is ultimately the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy that protect, enhance and bring to life the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and other victim legislation; and it is the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund that provides a significant financial basis for all these services. It is the county coordinators and their staff that present the compassionate face of justice that looks upon today's victims and listens to their important stories.

CASE EXAMPLE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Early one morning M. was shot by her father at point blank range with a .357 magnum in her home. He had been stalking his twenty-one year old daughter for weeks, blaming her for his marital problems and his break-up with his wife. He had threatened to kill her on numerous occasions, and on that day, he followed through on his threat.

M. suffered massive internal injuries, and she also lost sensitivity in her right side as well as an inability to raise her left arm. Her medical bills were astronomical, and her mother and brother feared for their lives. The defendant, their own father and husband, had been released on bail and continued to threaten and harass the family with telephone calls.

The case was referred to the County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy by an assistant prosecutor in the Grand Jury Unit. Later, M. herself contacted the office for assistance in relocating and finding affordable housing for her mother and brother due to the harassment. Her mother had been on welfare, but when she found employment, her benefits were cut. The Victim-Witness Office called Section 8 of Welfare which provides rental assistance to eligible families. Although they had a current waiting list of over a 1000 names, the director conditionally accepted them as an emergency referral and a rental assistance package was soon granted.

The office also helped the victim complete application forms for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. M.'s own insurance took care of much of her medical expenses, but she wasn't covered for initial consultations from her neurologist, urologist, dental and plastic surgeons. The Victim-Witness Office and VCCB combined efforts so that she could seek this medical attention. M. was also compensated for lost wages and supplemental disability payments. In the meantime, VCCB also supplemented her present earnings because she was only working part-time.

When M's. father was indicted and the trial date was set, the office prepared her and her family for this experience. The various steps involved in the trial were explained to them; they were shown the courtroom and told what to expect. M. and her family were provided with transportation to the courthouse and accompanied throughout the actual trial. Notifications both written and by phone helped them to keep abreast of every legal procedure in the trial. The office arranged for interviews between witnesses, trial detectives and the assistant prosecutor, and it also assisted M. in writing a victim impact statement.

The defendant was found guilty on five of the six counts and sentenced from fifteen to thirty years in a state prison—just seven months after the actual crime. But, this is not the end of the story. The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy will continue to be in touch with M., and when a parole hearing is scheduled, M. and her family will be notified of their right to provide a statement to a Senior Hearing Officer of the Parole Board.

CHAPTER 4

COUNTY OFFICE PROFILES

The following are summary profiles of the activities of each county. All demographic data presented in these county profiles were derived from the **Uniform Crime Report, State of New Jersey, 1988**.

Atlantic County

Population: 208,542
Crime Index: 24,933
Square Miles: 566.97

County Prosecutor: Jeffrey S. Blitz
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Jacqueline Buoy

The first statutorily appointed Atlantic County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. Additional staff includes a secretary.

The office has concentrated on implementing standardized services focusing primarily on case status notification, court accompaniment, compensation, support counseling, and transportation. The coordinator has made efforts to establish a network of social services for survivors of incest, child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. Recently, services have been added for survivors of homicide and fatal accidents.

Public education is also a continuing goal of the office and the coordinator has made numerous public speaking engagements across the county to inform and offer assistance to a variety of civic clubs, groups and agencies.

To commemorate Crimes Victims' Rights Week, the office produces public service announcements, sets-up information booths in malls and other public places, holds radio and newspaper interviews, and coordinates a luncheon to honor the survivors of violent crime in Atlantic County which is sponsored by the County Prosecutor's Office.

The office has future plans to computerize all case-status notifications and to expand services to victims of juvenile offenders.

Bergen County

Population: 830,467
Crime Index: 29,567
Square Miles: 234.45

County Prosecutor: John G. Holl (Acting)
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Mary Pillarella

The first statutorily appointed Bergen County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1979.

Up until April of 1989, the Bergen County Victim-Witness Coordinator was assisted by one full-time victim counselor. Due to monies allocated by the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund, a second counselor has been hired on a full-time basis. A part-time victim counselor has also been hired to work specifically with domestic violence victims. The office is housed in a 30' by 10' office which accommodates all three victim-witness staff. The office is physically located within the County Prosecutor's Office and is easily accessible to the public. Large signs are posted above the doorway of the office, as well as in various locations throughout the courthouse. The courthouse itself is centrally located and therefore accessible by bus. Free parking accommodations for victims and witnesses are located within walking distance of the courthouse.

The office coordinated a comprehensive rape crisis program in Bergen County through Department of Health grant monies and sponsored an ongoing support group for sexual assault victims until June 1989 when funds diminished. A pamphlet has been published to inform victims of their rights—"Working Together to Help Crime Victims in Bergen County," and monies from the federal VOCA grant have been used to identify and address the needs of crime victims in Bergen County.

Special services are provided to victims of bias incidents and of auto accidents and a support group for homicide survivors was recently established. The office has designed a computerized management information system for tracking victim case information and statistical tracking of program services. An emergency fund to assist victims in crisis has also been established.

A child interview room has been set-up, and an automobile has been purchased for transporting victims and witnesses to and from the courthouse and for other services, such as social and medical. The office also prepares public service announcements and sets up information booths in public meeting places during Crime Victims' Right's Week.

Recently, the office co-sponsored a county-wide conference on bias crime in cooperation with the Division of Criminal Justice and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Burlington County

Population: 388,129
Crime Index: 12,667
Square Miles: 817.64

County Prosecutor: Stephen G. Raymond

County Victim-Witness Co-Coordinators: Marjorie Dean, Bobbie DeLaRoi

The two statutorily appointed Burlington County Victim-Witness Co-Coordinators were appointed and sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Burlington County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1976. Additional office staff consist of a secretary. A victim-witness waiting room is equipped with two sofas, a chair, tables, television, VCR, VCR tapes, magazines and toys and books for children.

The office works closely with assistant prosecutors and investigators to assure proper coordination with everyone involved as each case proceeds to trial. The coordinators also work closely with local police departments and the State Police to provide services to victims.

The office has organized a support group for victims of all crime. The group meets monthly and has become extremely active in making the public aware of its existence and the support it offers.

The Burlington County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy annually sponsors a breakfast to focus awareness on victims' rights. This breakfast is scheduled during Crime Victims' Rights Week and includes victims, assistant prosecutors, municipal and superior court judges, police, county agency personnel and members of the State Legislature. Also during Crime Victims' Rights Week, the office distributes victims' rights information at malls and other public places and arranges for the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders to issue a proclamation recognizing Crime Victims' Rights

Week in Burlington County. The coordinators, along with the Burlington County support group members, distributed roses to county employees to symbolize support for victims' rights.

Recently, the Burlington County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy sponsored a one-day senior citizen informational seminar on victimization issues specific to the elderly, including crime prevention. The seminar was attended by 250 individuals and included a luncheon. Funding for the county-wide senior citizen forum was provided through the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. The Fund was also used to make improvements to the victim-witness waiting room; to purchase a van for transporting victims and witnesses to court; and enabled staff to attend educational conferences and seminars.

Camden County

Population: 496,318
Crime Index: 28,701
Square Miles: 222.01

County Prosecutor: James F. Mulvihill (Acting)
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Linda Burkett

The first statutorily appointed Camden County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. Additional staff consists of a secretary.

The coordinator has a private office, located within the Prosecutor's Office. It is a centrally located office, conveniently close to City Hall (where Grand Jury convenes) and the Hall of Justice (where Superior Court and Family Court rooms are located) and within the same building as the Probation Department.

The Camden County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy provides orientation to the criminal justice system through a newly written program brochure and a coloring book especially developed for child victims. The coordinator advocates on behalf of victims with judges, assistant prosecutors, probation officers and creditors.

The coordinator is the administrator of the VOCA grant which funds four local social service and medical agencies that provide direct services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. The coordinator oversees a victim emergency fund which assists victims of violent crime in securing their homes from further victimization; provides food, transportation or lodging expenses for victims who must travel from out-of-town to testify in court but cannot afford these costs; and provides for the expert medical transportation of paralyzed victims of aggravated assaults when these victims must testify in court.

Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund have provided a computer for case status notifications and training and educational materials. The Fund has also provided the salary for the secretary and for a therapist from a local family counseling service to lead a support group for crime victims. Attendance at training conferences and seminars for the coordinator was also made possible by monies from the Fund.

As a member of the Domestic Violence Working Group, the coordinator has assisted in the preparation of a Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P.) for police response to domestic violence situations and in the development of a seminar to train police officers on the new S.O.P. The coordinator also teaches victims' rights and services at the Camden County Police Academy. The coordinator, in conjunction with the County Prosecutor, has proposed legislation mandating AIDS testing for convicted sexual offenders.

Ceremonies are held annually to commemorate Crime Victims' Rights Week with crime victims, law enforcement officers, judges, probation officers and victim service providers in attendance.

Cape May County

Population: 94,160
Crime Index: 6,782
Square Miles: 263.08

County Prosecutor: John Corino
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Walter Craig

The first statutorily appointed Cape May County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The office has no additional staff.

Since its inception, the Cape May Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has worked diligently to implement and perfect a case status notification system which fully meets all of the requirements of the Attorney General Standards. An allocation from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund provided computerization of the case status notification process which has greatly expanded the number and types of notifications made to victims. The Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund has also provided monies for secretarial assistance, training and education, and an emergency assistance fund for crime victims.

The Cape May County Coordinator is actively involved with many local agencies assisting victims of crime and participates as Chairperson on the county-wide Child Abuse and Missing Children Committee.

Cooperation with the Cape May County Sheriff's Department has resulted in an effective victim notification program on release of offenders from the County Jail. The Sheriff's Department and the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy also collaborated to purchase a vehicle with funds from the VOCA grant to provide victims and witnesses with transportation to court.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, the coordinator prepares press releases and public service announcements and has a proclamation issued by the Board of Chosen Freeholders declaring the week as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cape May County.

Cumberland County

Population: 137,571
Crime Index: 8,057
Square Miles: 504.35

County Prosecutor: Steven S. Neder
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Beth Perella-Evans

The first statutorily appointed Cumberland County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on July 14, 1987. Additional staff include a full-time secretary whose salary is funded by monies from the VOCA grant.

Presently, the office is located in the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and the coordinator and secretary share the same office.

The Cumberland County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has focused on implementing all case-status notification requirements of the Attorney General Standards and has made a special effort to reach out to victims of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. The office provides emergency lodging to domestic violence victims and has set up a child interview room furnished with toys, a small table and chairs, coloring books, and crayons, and a video camera. A "Victim-Witness Guide for Cumberland County" has been printed and is distributed to all victims who are involved in the prosecution of a case.

In April 1988, the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy hosted a two-day seminar on child abuse and sexual assault. This seminar was offered

to victim service providers, including school nurses, guidance counselors, etc., and personnel from police departments.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week in April, the office places advertisements in the newspapers; arranges public service announcements on the radio; and has a booth at the local mall to make information available to the public about services for victims of crime.

A strong working relationship has been established between the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and community organizations. Assistant prosecutors and investigators are actively involved with the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in order to promote and coordinate services, information and referrals for victims.

With monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund, the office has conducted training seminars and purchased office equipment and supplies such as video tapes, dictaphone, and a copy machine. Monies from the Fund have also enabled the office to provide transportation services and to establish an emergency assistance fund.

Essex County

Population: 844,545
Crime Index: 76,711
Square Miles: 127.44

County Prosecutor: Herbert H. Tate, Jr.
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Sydney R. Roberts

The first statutorily appointed Essex County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1982. In addition to the coordinator, the office is staffed by six victim counselors and 3 secretaries. One of the victim counselors works exclusively with domestic violence victims and this position is funded by an allocation from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund.

The goal of the office is to bring the program's services to the victim. An inter-office notification system has been developed between the Homicide Squad of the County Prosecutor's Office and the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy so that a personal visit to a deceased victim's family within 48 hours is accomplished. By assisting the family to apply for death benefits from the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB), the office hopes to prevent additional financial hardships. A similar outreach process has also been initiated with victims of sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, aggravated assault and arson.

The office has recently relocated to larger quarters in the Prosecutor's Office which provides privacy for counseling and interviews with victims.

The Essex County Coordinator administers the use of VOCA Funds for Essex County and serves as chairperson of the Essex County Crime Victims' Network.

Gloucester County

Population: 213,043
Crime Index: 8,198
Square Miles: 328.36

County Prosecutor: Richard E. Hickey, III
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Barbara Carter

The first statutorily appointed Gloucester County Victim-Witness Coordinator was appointed and sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. Additional staff includes one victim counselor whose salary is provided by funds from the VOCA grant.

The coordinator and counselor assist all victims scheduled in the Criminal and Family Divisions of Superior Court and Grand Jury. Staffing constraints have made it difficult to assist victims in Juvenile Court on a regular basis.

A good working relationship has been established with the County Sheriff's Department. Thus, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, provides information to victims regarding posted bail, release on recognizance (ROR) and county parole eligibility or release. The coordinator meets twice a month with the Sheriff to obtain updated information on the status of inmates.

The Sheriff has provided an office in the courthouse for use by victims and the Victim-Witness Coordinator, and provides victims with lunch while they are awaiting court proceedings. There remains insufficient space within the Prosecutor's Office to adequately provide all mandated services.

Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund enabled the office to purchase a fax machine for use in Family Court to facilitate the sending of domestic violence complaints and orders between the courts and police departments. Program brochures and victim rights cards were also obtained along with equipment for the office. Money from the same fund was used for Crime Victims' Rights Week activities, for training seminars and conferences for the coordinator and to establish an emergency assistance fund for victims.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, information is provided to county residents about the victims' rights program; and in 1989, a special luncheon and golf tournament were held during which the wife of a slain State Police officer was honored.

Hudson County

Population: 547,196
Crime Index: 41,310
Square Miles: 46.42

County Prosecutor: Paul M. DePascale
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Sharon Mai

The first statutorily appointed Hudson County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office had been providing services to victims since 1981. The office is additionally staffed by a victim counselor and a clerical assistant. In addition to the staff's office, there is a victim-witness waiting room which is equipped with a television, VCR, videos for children and adults, magazines, books and children's toys. The waiting room provides a relaxed, non-stressful atmosphere for those victims and witnesses awaiting court proceedings.

Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund permitted the hiring of the clerical assistant and allowed the coordinator to attend the annual educational and training conference sponsored by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Monies from the Fund were also used to computerize the case status notification system.

A significant accomplishment of the Hudson County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has been the development of an excellent working relationship with various community agencies that provide services and programs to victims and witnesses in Hudson County. Staff have used the latest techniques and ideas in the field to provide effective outreach to victims, witnesses, community agencies and the community as a whole.

The office places an emphasis on providing in-service training for law enforcement personnel, county investigators and detectives, as well as assistant prosecutors. These on-going trainings have contributed to a greater understanding of victims' needs and services in the law enforcement community within Hudson County.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, staff reach out to all citizens of Hudson County by appearing on cable TV programs, preparing news articles and by setting up information booths in area shopping malls.

Hunterdon County

Population: 98,914
Crime Index: 1,598
Square Miles: 429.60

County Prosecutor: Neil S. Cooper (Acting)
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Virginia Cavella

The first statutorily appointed Hunterdon County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The following year a private office for counseling and interviewing was provided by the Prosecutor's Office. Presently, there is no additional staff.

Since the inception of the office, the coordinator has concentrated on the development of a case status notification system which complies with the Standards; and on providing transportation, child care and assistance with compensation claims. The coordinator is always present at the Grand Jury waiting area to make victims and witnesses more comfortable and to answer questions. Victims are also consulted prior to pre-trial intervention approval and also on downgrades and dismissals when appropriate. Court accompaniment is provided upon request. Recently, the coordinator has begun helping assistant prosecutors with preparing victims for trial.

The office has utilized its allotment from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund to purchase computer equipment which has streamlined case status notification procedures. The same funds helped procure office furniture, an answering machine and toys and games for child victims. Future funding is targeted for an automobile which will enable the office to provide transportation to victims.

The coordinator maintains contact with all the municipal police departments to facilitate referrals to the office and to assist in the implementation of the Attorney General Standards.

Mercer County

Population: 327,123
Crime Index: 22,001
Square Miles: 226

County Prosecutor: Paul T. Koenig, Jr.
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Mary Effie Raney

The first statutorily appointed Mercer County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office had been providing services to victims since 1977. The office is also staffed with one victim counselor. The addition of a victim counselor was made possible by monies from the VOCA grant. An allocation from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund was used to improve the victim-witness waiting room and to purchase a computer program for a case tracking and case status notification system. The monies were also applied to training seminars and conferences for the coordinator.

In an attempt to promote public awareness, posters have been displayed in schools, hospitals, local police departments, and in other public locations to inform people of the services provided by the office. The coordinator also regularly speaks before various community groups and law enforcement agencies. During Crime Victims' Rights Week, staff prepare press releases and public service announcements.

A strong working relationship has been established between the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and community organizations and agencies. The coordinator actively participates on various

committees and task forces on a State and local level which formulate and improve upon policies and procedures in victim assistance.

In a cooperative effort between the Mercer County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and Preventive Education Inc., a Child Sexual Assault Interview Room was established in 1988. The interview room was created to meet the special needs of child sexual assault victims; to improve interviewing techniques; and to provide a private room that would be "comfortable" for these children. The interview room was constructed with monies from the VOCA grant and staff from Preventive Education Inc. provide technical assistance on child interviewing techniques. The child sexual assault interview room is available on a 24-hour basis and is accessible to all local police departments.

Middlesex County

Population: 645,709
Crime Index: 27,100
Square Miles: 311.00

County Prosecutor: Alan A. Rockoff
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Jayne A. Guarino

The first statutorily appointed Middlesex County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1983. Other office staff consist of three victim counselors and one clerical assistant. One of the victim counselors was hired with monies received from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund and serves victims of racial, religious and ethnic violence. The other victim counselor positions are funded by the VOCA grant and it is the job of one of these counselors to concentrate on underserved populations, such as victims of juvenile offenses.

The County Victim-Witness Coordinator, along with providing direct services to victims, teaches the victims' rights curriculum at the Middlesex County Police Academy twice a year, offers training on victims' rights and services for hospital staff or other requesting agencies and attends inter-agency conferences throughout the year. Through the use of VOCA Funds in 1987, the Middlesex County Office became the first program to computerize its case status notification procedures. The system was revised in 1988 to include statistical case information for federal and State reporting requirements.

A van purchased in 1987 with VOCA funds has enabled the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to provide transportation to victims for court proceedings and to transport two groups of sexually abused teenagers to group counseling sessions two evenings per week.

The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has recently relocated to larger quarters in a new office building across the street from the courthouse where staff also have access to a reception area and a conference room. There is also a newly furnished victim-witness waiting room located on the 3rd floor of the courthouse and assistant prosecutors are encouraged to have victims utilize this facility during trial.

Staff have established a strong line of communication with the municipal police departments and community and county agencies that provide services needed by victims. Each municipal police department has designated a police officer to be the victim-witness liaison. The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy maintains contact with these officers on a regular basis and sees to it that the police departments have an adequate supply of victim-witness brochures, VCCB claim forms and Victims' Bill of Rights cards.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, several community agencies participated with the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in an information display in the lobby of the County Administration Building to make the public aware of victims' rights and of the services available to help victims in Middlesex County.

Monmouth County

Population: 553,618
Crime Index: 20,189
Square Miles: 471.57

County Prosecutor: John Kaye

County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Marsha L. Williams

The first statutorily appointed Monmouth County Victim-Witness Coordinator was appointed and sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1979. Other office staff include two victim counselors and one full-time and one part-time secretary. The part-time position is funded by the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. The office also utilizes the help of college interns throughout the year.

The Monmouth County Office has been concentrating on public awareness campaigns and in-service training sessions to update law enforcement personnel, professionals and the general public on victims' rights and services. Outreach and follow-up procedures with victims have also been established. Follow-up is made ten days after the initial contact letter is sent and personal contact is made to ensure that the victim understands the correspondence. Outreach to victims of domestic violence is especially emphasized because early intervention in these cases provides victims with the emotional support and information they need and seems to encourage their cooperation in the prosecution of the case.

In 1988, the office space for staff was expanded to include an outer office which serves as working space for the clerical support staff and a small waiting area for visitors. In addition, there are three individual offices which allow victims to be interviewed in privacy.

The office has a victim-witness waiting room that has been refurbished and is comfortable and relaxing for victims and has toys for children of all ages. In addition to a part-time clerical assistant, monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund enabled the office to set up an emergency fund for victims, purchase pamphlets and other visual aids and to sponsor meetings and conferences with police and social service providers.

Victim-witness liaison officers have been designated in each municipal police department. Any problems arising from the police department level are addressed with these officers.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, the office hosts the "Crime Victims' Rights Expo" for Monmouth County residents which includes participation by law enforcement and local social service agencies.

Morris County

Population: 419,438
Crime Index: 12,719
Square Miles: 470.24

County Prosecutor: Lee S. Trumbull

County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Sandra J. McGowan

The first statutorily appointed Morris County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on July 14, 1987. The Morris County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1982. Additional staff consists of one full-time clerical assistant. This position is partially funded by the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund. VOCA monies provide funding for a Multidisciplinary Team Program in the Prosecutor's Office.

A move to larger quarters in January 1988 provided space for a victim-witness waiting room adjacent to the Victim-Witness Advocacy Office. Furniture, toys and a television set were purchased, and a local cable TV company was approached and agreed to provide cable service to the waiting room as a public service. Free parking and lunch coupons are also available for victims and witnesses awaiting court procedures. A computerized case status notification system was implemented which has enabled victims and witnesses to receive information regarding their cases in a quick and efficient manner.

The Morris County Victim-Witness Advocacy Office will continue to refine and expand its program in the coming year. Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund will be used to furnish additional equipment for the office and will also be used to purchase brochure display racks for municipal police departments so that required victim-witness rights materials will be available to more Morris County citizens.

Ocean County

Population: 402,998
Crime Index: 16,715
Square Miles: 637.09

Prosecutor: James W. Holzapfel

County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Susan Herbert

The first statutorily appointed Ocean County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on August 17, 1987. Additional staff included two full-time victim counselors. Currently, the staff is also assisted by two full-time college interns. Initial program development efforts targeted victim populations of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence. Services now encompass victims of all violent as well as non-violent crimes.

Located within the confines of the Ocean County Courthouse, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is easily accessible to victims and has a secure waiting area. The office has direct contact with investigating officers, prosecuting attorneys and the judiciary. The location of the office is ideal, but due to overcrowding, there are insufficient waiting areas for victims and limited space for staff.

The services available to crime victims are quite extensive and involve utilization of all local resources. In addition, the program focuses on assisting domestic violence victims with procedures related to violation of court orders. Advocacy on pleas, bail and release are also available when requested.

The Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund has been used to establish an emergency fund for victims, to provide training seminars and conferences for staff and to sponsor a county-wide training seminar for law enforcement personnel. Office equipment and articles for the waiting room, such as a typewriter, answering machine, TV and children's toys were also purchased with an allocation from the Fund.

Through the use of VOCA funds, the Ocean County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy purchased video equipment to tape interviews with child abuse victims. A separate child-friendly interview room has been established with two-way mirrors to allow observation of interviews by social service providers. This eliminates the necessity of multiple interviews. The videotaping also allows the prosecuting attorney to review the case before any courtroom appearance, and it has been helpful in grand jury proceedings.

A staff person is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist major crimes investigators with homicide survivors immediately following the report of a homicide to law enforcement. Assistance provided consists of, but is not limited to, death notification, funeral arrangements, release of autopsy findings, and release of body after postmortem examination as well as status of the criminal investigation.

The Ocean County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy maintains a strong rapport with social service agencies and private therapists. Several brochures and handbooks have been written and are routinely distributed to all police departments, hospital and social service agencies. The coordinator is a member of the Ocean County Coordination Committee, which meets quarterly and consists of representatives from child abuse, domestic violence and mental health agencies.

Passaic County

Population: 463,736
Crime Index: 29,423
Square Miles: 192.01

County Prosecutor: Ronald S. Fava
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Margarita Rodriguez

The first statutorily appointed Passaic County Victim-Witness Coordinator was appointed and sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office had been providing services to victims since 1982. Additional staff include one victim counselor and one clerical assistant. The clerical assistant was hired under the VOCA grant.

The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy is located in one room within the Prosecutor's Office. This room is furnished with children's toys, table and chairs, coloring books, and crayons for the purpose of providing on-site child care.

Since the office has a bilingual staff, it is often involved in offering assistance with interpretation and translation. On many occasions, it is the link between an assistant prosecutor or investigator and a victim for the purpose of an interview, statement or telephone contact.

The office has created and furnished a child victim interview room with money from the VOCA grant that caters to the needs of a child. The room is furnished with a two-way mirror, television, VCR, toys, table and chairs, books and anatomically correct dolls for use during interviews.

VOCA funds made it possible for the office to purchase computer equipment for the automation of case status notifications, and the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund provided monies for the printing of a bilingual "Victim-Witness Guide" and for the purchase of other needed office equipment.

The office works in close collaboration with the Passaic County Women's Center to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. A directory of human services is kept in the office as a guide and a resource of all the services available in Passaic County.

Salem County

Population: 65,371
Crime Index: 2,079
Square Miles: 350.88

County Prosecutor: Alvin Shpeen (Acting)
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Suzanne Sturmfels

The first statutorily appointed Salem County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on May 24, 1988. Additional staff include one full-time victim counselor whose position is funded under the VOCA grant.

The Salem County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy occupies space within the County Prosecutor's Office on the second floor of the Salem County Courthouse.

Since its inception, the Salem County Office has sought to establish contact with social service agencies throughout the county which assist victims of crime. The main goal has been to maintain contact with these various service agencies. Efforts have concentrated on outreach to victims in Salem

County to make them aware of the services offered by the program. Public information has been provided through advertisements, posters, pamphlets and booklets that are distributed by the office. A case status notification procedure has been implemented to inform victims of the status of their case.

An allotment from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund has supplied needed office equipment, such as a telephone answering machine, furnishings for the victim-witness waiting room and for public relations material and advertising.

The main accomplishment of the office has been to maintain and continue networking throughout the county with all municipalities, service agencies and hospitals in order to aid and assist victims of crime in Salem County.

Somerset County

Population: 221,628
Crime Index: 7,062
Square Miles: 305.55

County Prosecutor: Nicholas L. Bissell, Jr.
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Diane Martin

The first statutorily appointed Somerset County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1977. Additional office staff include a secretary. The coordinator occupies a separate office to assure privacy and confidentiality when speaking with victims.

The Somerset County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has focused on working to obtain the cooperation of victims and witnesses who might have been otherwise reluctant to assist and testify.

Grant monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund enabled the office to purchase booklets and pamphlets concerning crime prevention and victims rights and to lease a vehicle for transporting victims and witnesses to court.

A "Guide to Services" offered by the Somerset County Office has been printed and is distributed to all victims who are involved in the prosecution of a case. In addition, the coordinator sees to it that these brochures, along with VCCB claim forms, are available in every municipal police department in the county. The coordinator accompanies victims to court and utilizes private interviewing rooms in the courthouse as victim-witness waiting areas to assure their security and comfort while awaiting proceedings.

In October 1988, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with Your Doctors Care, P.A., opened a child abuse diagnostic center in an effort to aid physically and sexually abused children and their families. The center is equipped with state of the art videotaping equipment for the purpose of protecting the child from having to repeatedly give an account of the incident and to eliminate possible additional trauma to the victim.

Sussex County

Population: 124,323
Crime Index: 2,724
Square Miles: 526.59

County Prosecutor: Richard E. Honig
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Linda Kuipers

The first statutorily appointed Sussex County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. Currently, there is no additional staff.

The Victim-Witness Coordinator occupies an office in the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office where there is also a general waiting area for receiving incoming visitors. The coordinator also has access to a separate well-furnished interview room which is also utilized for video-taping child victims in sexual abuse cases.

Due to a lack of facilities at the courthouse, a large conference room in the County Prosecutor's Office is used for victims or witnesses who are waiting to testify. This room is also utilized for interviewing, when necessary.

Over the past 3 years, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has devoted most of its time to case status notification procedures. In certain cases requiring special attention, home visits to a victim are made to facilitate assistance efforts. The coordinator also tries to focus assistance efforts on surviving family members of homicide victims and death by auto cases.

Because Sussex is a geographically large and rural county and because of the special needs of many victims, such as the elderly and the disabled, the office makes a determined effort to provide transportation for these victims. An allocation from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund has been designated to purchase a vehicle for this purpose.

The Sussex County Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy annually participates in the County Farm and Horses Show by having a display table containing brochures and pamphlets. The coordinator also participates on a local domestic violence task force that meets bi-monthly to address issues in the county pertaining to domestic violence. In addition, the coordinator has developed a good working relationship with several police departments who refer victims to the office for services.

Union County

Population: 502,468
Crime Index: 27,839
Square Miles: 102.93

County Prosecutor: John H. Stamler
County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Patricia Witt

The first statutorily appointed Union County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Union County Prosecutor's Office has been providing services to victims since 1979. In addition to the coordinator, office staff consist of four victim counselors and a secretary. Student volunteers have also been trained to work with victims.

Monies from the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund provided for an office automation system for case record keeping and case status notifications. An allocation from the Fund has also provided for training seminars and conferences for the coordinator. Three victim counselors were hired under the VOCA grant to work with victims in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault.

Office space in the County Administration Building has been provided for the operation of the Victim-Witness Advocacy Office. This consists of two private, comfortable rooms which serve as waiting rooms and for private counseling of victims and witnesses. They have been furnished with books, magazines, a television and toys for children. A satellite office is also maintained in Plainfield.

A daily monitoring of Family Court was implemented in order to create high visibility and increase direct services to domestic violence victims. One staff person has also been designated to address the issue of crime against the elderly. Continuous case follow-up with all victims has also been a priority of the office.

The office has been recognized for excellence by the National Association of Counties and by other groups, such as the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the legal staff and the police community.

The Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy has maintained and fostered contacts with other referral agencies and organizations and has entered into joint efforts with the Goodwill Industries to establish a clothing account for homeless crime and fire victims.

During the annual Crime Victims' Rights Week, the office strives for great visibility throughout the county by means of an active public relations campaign. Information is disseminated through newspaper ads and stories, radio, cable TV and the distribution of posters. In seven high-crime municipalities, pink ribbons for compassion were tied to public buildings. Proclamations dedicating the week to crime victims were received from mayors and the County Freeholders.

Every year the office organizes a Thanksgiving Food Drive for victims of crime. It gathers dozens of food baskets for delivery to victims and their families who are the most deprived.

Warren County

Population: 87,227
Crime Index: 1,987
Square Miles: 361.55

County Prosecutor: Richard C. Hare

County Victim-Witness Coordinator: Carol A. Buxton

The first statutorily appointed Warren County Victim-Witness Coordinator was sworn into office by the Attorney General on February 5, 1987. The Warren County Prosecutors Office has been providing services to victims since 1983. Additional staff consist of a part-time secretary which is funded by the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund.

The services of the office are made available to victims from municipal and superior courts, as well as to State and municipal law enforcement officers. The office has expanded and enhanced case status notification procedures to include victims of juvenile offenders and to the next of kin of homicide and sudden death victims, including death by auto victims. Involvement with juvenile cases has expanded beyond case status notifications to include several other services as well. A separate and comfortable waiting area is provided to victims and witnesses in the Warren County Prosecutor's Office equipped with magazines, newspapers, refreshments, cable TV and toys for children. With the use of VOCA grant monies, a child interview room has been set-up with toys, books, adult and child size furniture. It is also equipped with a video camera and one-way mirror.

The office has been actively working to develop a multi-disciplinary team to deal with child sexual abuse. Once formed, it will be a team approach to the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases along with the provision of comprehensive services for the child and his/her family.

The coordinator participates on a county child sexual abuse coalition and works closely with a variety of community and State agencies.

The office has published and distributed a brochure using VOCA funds which contains information about crime victims' rights and county services available to help solve the medical, emotional and financial effects that victims often experience after a crime.

Chapter 5

VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND

The Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund provides a dependable source of revenue for the State and County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy. Since 1986, with the advent of both Federal and State funding mechanisms, the cost of services for victims and witnesses of crime has been borne primarily by convicted criminal offenders.

Revenue Sources

In FY 86 the Senate Revenue Finance and Appropriations Committee provided a one-time appropriation of \$350,000 for the start-up operating expenses of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

Under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1*, sentencing judges are required to assess a \$30.00 minimum penalty against those convicted of any crime, disorderly persons offense, and petty disorderly persons offense. In addition, any juvenile adjudicated delinquent must be assessed a penalty of at least \$15.00 for each such adjudication. All monies collected from penalty assessments are forwarded to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB). The last five dollars of each minimum penalty collected is forwarded by the VCCB for deposit in the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund.

Revenue Collections

The VCCB transfers money collected from penalty assessments into the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund four times each year. The total annual amounts that have been deposited into the Fund have fluctuated over the four years that the Fund has been in existence. These amounts are provided below with a comparison of the total amount of collections reported by the VCCB.

Table A

	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
Amount of Revenue Transferred into the Fund	—	\$221,103	\$246,080	\$458,669
Total Revenue Collected by VCCB	\$3.0M	\$3.1M	\$3.1M	\$3.1M

As shown in Table A, total collections increased slightly between FY 86 and FY 87 and then leveled off for FY 88 and FY 89. In FY 86, \$50,732 in penalty monies were collected by VCCB on behalf of the Fund but this was not transferred until the first quarter of FY 87. In FY 87, total deposits amounted to \$221,103; in FY 88, the total amount increased to \$246,080; and in FY 89 total deposits increased to \$458,669 (see Appendix E for breakdown of quarterly transfer amounts).

Deposits into the Fund have not in any of the above years, approached the \$540,000 amount the Assembly Revenue, Finance and Appropriation Committee estimated would be raised annually for the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund (see Appendix C).

Rules and Regulations

The Director of the Division of Criminal Justice has promulgated rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of the Fund pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1(5)*. The rules and regulations governing the Fund have been published in the *New Jersey Register* (see Appendix D) and generally require that all monies distributed be used to implement services to victims as required under the **Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims**.

Allocation of Fund Revenues

The entire operating costs of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy are drawn from Fund revenues. Allotments from the Fund are also distributed to the County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy based on a formula that takes into account a county's population, crime rate, and number of cases reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. The formula was calculated on top of a base amount of \$5,000.00 (see Appendix F for FY 88, 89 and 90 formula calculation tables). These funds supplement the revenues allocated to the County Offices from the Prosecutor's own budgets and grants from the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

The amounts transferred to the Fund by the VCCB during fiscal years 1987 and 1988 were distributed in two separate allocations to the counties in FY 89 to allow time for the accumulation of money in the Fund.

As shown in Table B, the majority of revenue transferred into the Fund has been allocated to the counties. In FY 87, a total of \$221,103 was transferred by Violent Crimes Compensation Board and \$200,000 was obligated and later distributed to the county programs. In FY 88, \$246,080 was transferred into the Fund and \$400,000 was distributed to the counties. In FY 89, \$458,669 was transferred and \$400,000 has been obligated to the counties for distribution in FY 90.

Table B

	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
Amount of Revenue Transferred into the Fund	\$350,000	\$221,103	\$246,080	\$458,669
Total Funds Available	\$350,000 ^a	\$568,070 ^b	\$730,474 ^c	\$885,831 ^d
Total County Allocations	-0-	-0-	\$200,000	\$400,000
State Office Expenditures	\$ 3,033	\$ 83,676	\$103,312	\$ 84,158

a. Reflects initial appropriation amount—there were no penalty assessment revenues transferred into the Fund in FY 86.

b. Includes \$346,967 carried over from FY 86.

c. Includes \$484,394 carried over from FY 87.

d. Includes \$427,162 carried over from FY 88.

The total amounts allocated to each individual county for FY 88 through FY 90 are provided below in Table C. Due to the accumulation of VCCB penalty assessment money in the Fund between FY 87 and FY 88 and an 86% increase in revenue in FY 89, the FY 89 allotment to the counties was increased by 100%.

Table C
County Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Allocations*

	FY 88*	FY 89	FY 90	Total
Atlantic	\$ 9,940	\$ 19,750	\$ 19,750	\$ 49,440
Bergen	12,315	27,420	27,715	67,450
Burlington	8,895	17,095	16,505	42,495
Camden	11,650	26,830	25,060	63,540
Cape May	6,330	9,130	9,130	24,590
Cumberland	6,425	11,490	11,195	29,110
Essex	21,150	48,660	56,920	126,730
Gloucester	7,375	12,670	11,490	31,535
Hudson	13,930	32,140	33,320	79,390
Hunterdon	5,760	7,360	7,360	20,480
Mercer	9,940	21,815	20,045	51,800
Middlesex	11,650	25,355	26,240	63,245
Monmouth	11,080	23,585	22,995	57,660
Morris	8,515	15,915	15,620	40,050
Ocean	8,990	17,685	17,390	44,065
Passaic	10,605	24,470	23,585	58,660
Salem	5,950	8,835	7,065	21,850
Somerset	6,805	10,605	10,900	28,310
Sussex	5,950	7,950	7,950	21,850
Union	10,985	23,880	22,405	57,270
Warren	5,760	7,360	7,360	20,480
	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

*Allocations obligated in FY 88 were distributed in FY 89.

**FY 88 AND 89
VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND ALLOCATIONS**

County	Budget	FY88	FY89	Total
Atlantic	Salaries	\$ 8,600	\$14,170	\$22,770
	Travel	—	80	80
	Staff Training, Meetings	775	1,500	2,275
	Educational Material, Advertising	565	1,500	2,065
	Equipment	—	2,500	2,500
	Total		\$ 9,940	\$19,750
Bergen	Salaries	\$ 9,467	\$25,420	\$34,887
	Staff Training, Meetings	832	2,000	2,832
	Equipment	2,016	—	2,016
	Total	\$12,315	\$27,420	\$39,735
Burlington	Conference Sponsorship Office, Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,150	—	\$ 5,150
	Equipment	1,770	—	1,770
	Staff Training, Meetings	1,975	—	1,975
	Services for Victims	—	\$ 2,095	2,095
		—	15,000	15,000
	Total	\$ 8,895	\$17,095	\$25,990
Camden	Salaries	\$ 8,874	\$19,800	\$28,674
	Office, Administrative Expenses	276	—	276
	Equipment	2,500	1,000	3,500
	Staff Training, Meetings, Educational Material, Advertising	—	1,158	1,158
		—	1,752	1,752
	Services for Victims	—	3,120	3,120
	Total	\$11,650	\$26,830	\$38,480
	Cape May	Salaries	\$ 5,042	—
Staff Training, Meetings		1,350	\$ 3,107	4,457
Conference Sponsorship		153	1,500	1,653
Equipment		—	2,823	2,823
Office, Administrative Expenses		—	200	200
Services for Victims		—	1,500	1,500
Total		\$ 6,545	\$ 9,130	\$15,675

**FY 88 AND 89
VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND ALLOCATIONS**

County	Budget	FY88	FY89	Total
Cumberland	Office, Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,900	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,400
	Equipment	2,925	500	3,425
	Staff Training, Meetings	400	1,500	1,900
	Conference Sponsorship	1,200	—	1,200
	Educational Material, Advertising	—	1,900	1,900
	Services for Victims	—	4,000	4,000
	Total		<u>\$ 6,425</u>	<u>\$11,400</u>
Essex	Salaries	\$20,375	\$46,800	\$67,175
	Staff Training, Meetings	775	967	1,742
	Educational Material, Advertising	—	893	893
	Total	<u>\$21,150</u>	<u>\$48,660</u>	<u>\$69,810</u>
Gloucester	Salaries	\$ 2,160	—	\$ 2,160
	Equipment	1,512	\$ 2,882	4,394
	Staff Training, Meetings	553	1,460	2,013
	Educational Material, Advertising	850	1,428	2,278
	Services for Victims	2,300	5,500	7,800
	Office, Administrative Expenses	—	1,400	1,400
	Total	<u>\$ 7,375</u>	<u>\$12,670</u>	<u>\$20,045</u>
Hudson	Salaries	\$12,930	\$24,000	\$36,930
	Staff Training, Meetings	1,000	4,000	5,000
	Equipment	—	3,540	3,540
	Educational Material, Advertising	—	600	600
	Total	<u>\$13,930</u>	<u>\$32,140</u>	<u>\$46,070</u>
Hunterdon	Equipment	\$ 5,760	—	\$ 5,760
	Staff Training, Meetings	—	\$ 860	860
	Services for Victims	—	6,500	6,500
Total	<u>\$ 5,760</u>	<u>\$ 7,360</u>	<u>\$13,120</u>	

**FY 88 AND 89
VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY ALLOCATIONS**

County	Budget	FY88	FY89	Total
Mercer	Salaries	—	\$13,088	\$13,088
	Equipment	\$ 9,590	1,527	11,117
	Staff Training, Meetings	350	—	350
	Office, Administrative Expenses	—	7,200	7,200
	Total	\$ 9,940	\$21,815	\$31,755
Middlesex	Salaries	\$11,650	\$24,242	\$35,892
	Office, Administrative Expenses	—	1,113	1,113
	Total	\$11,650	\$25,355	\$37,005
Monmouth	Salaries	\$ 7,000	\$12,740	\$19,740
	Staff Training, Meetings	—	6,500	6,500
	Equipment	2,000	2,000	4,000
	Educational Material, Advertising	1,000	2,345	3,345
	Services for Victims	1,080	—	1,080
	Total	\$11,080	\$23,585	\$34,665
Morris	Salaries	\$ 8,515	—	\$ 8,515
	Staff Training, Meetings	—	\$ 1,646	1,646
	Equipment	—	14,074	14,074
	Educational Material, Advertising	—	195	195
	Total	\$ 8,515	\$15,915	\$24,430
Ocean	Equipment	\$ 5,475	\$15,000	\$20,475
	Staff Training, Meetings	1,810	—	1,810
	Conference Sponsorship	1,005	—	1,005
	Office, Administrative Expenses	—	685	685
	Services for Victims	700	2,000	2,700
	Total	\$ 8,990	\$17,685	\$26,675
Passaic	Salaries	—	\$19,570	\$19,570
	Equipment	\$ 8,605	830	9,435
	Staff Training, Meetings	1,000	—	1,000
	Educational Material, Advertising	1,000	3,770	4,770
	Services for Victims	—	300	300
	Total	\$10,605	\$24,470	\$35,075

**FY 88 AND 89
VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND ALLOCATIONS**

County	Budget	FY88	FY89	Total
Salem	Equipment	\$ 1,700	\$2,700	\$ 4,400
	Office, Administrative Expenses	500	1,000	1,500
	Educational Material, Advertising	4,285	3,750	8,035
	Services for Victims	—	850	850
	Total	\$ 6,485	\$ 8,300	\$14,785
Somerset	Equipment	—	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Educational Material, Advertising	\$ 406	1,605	2,011
	Services for Victims	6,399	7,000	13,399
	Total	\$ 6,805	\$10,605	\$17,410
Sussex	Services for Victims	\$ 5,950	\$ 7,950	\$13,900
	Total	\$ 5,950	\$ 7,950	\$13,900
Union	Equipment	\$10,154	\$ 4,150	\$14,304
	Staff Training, Meetings	831	3,800	4,631
	Conference Sponsorship	—	530	530
	Educational Material, Advertising	—	250	250
	Office, Administrative Expenses	—	950	950
	Services for Victims	—	14,200	14,200
	Total	\$10,985	\$23,880	\$34,865
Warren	Salaries	\$ 5,760	\$ 7,360	\$13,120
	Total	\$ 5,760	\$ 7,360	\$13,120

**State Office of
Victim-Witness Advocacy,
Division of Criminal Justice**

Expenditures	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	Total
Salaries	\$3,033	\$66,723	\$ 78,634	\$52,899	\$201,289
Office, Adminis- trative Expenses	—	1,313	6,148	10,746	18,207
Equipment	—	594	7,552	152	8,298
Conference Sponsorship	—	11,616	5,497	17,822	34,935
Staff Training, Meetings, Conferences	—	2,934	3,945	2,533	9,412
Travel	—	496	1,536	6	2,038
	<u>\$3,033</u>	<u>\$83,676</u>	<u>\$103,312</u>	<u>\$84,158</u>	<u>\$274,179</u>

CHAPTER 6

PROGRAM SERVICE STATISTICS

A summary of the program statistics contained in this chapter are as follows:

- The number of referrals to the program increased by 100% from 1987 to 1988. Investigators were the most frequent source of referrals.
- In 1989, the program assisted 381 victims of sexual assault; 455 victims of burglary; 771 victims of assault; 578 victims of child abuse; 375 victims of domestic violence.
- From 1987 to 1989, 6,599 cases were opened and received services from the program. Of these clients 5,091 (77%) were victims; 210 (3%) were witnesses; and 1,298 (20%) were family members or parents of the victim.
- The most frequent clients to receive assistance were single, white, female victims of assault.
- In 1988, the program provided a total of 142,481 notifications of case status to victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution of a case. In 1989, this figure increased to 144,697.
- The most frequently provided services include counseling and needs assessment, reassurance calls by counselors, criminal justice system orientation, waiting/reception room services, preparation for grand jury, assistance in filing for compensation, and assistance with problems relating to harassment and intimidation.
- The counties experiencing the highest volume of clients over the 3-year period between 1987-1989 were Middlesex, Monmouth, Essex, and Bergen.
- Statewide, the number of clients assisted by the program increased by 100% from 1987 to 1988 and again by 100% from 1988 to 1989.

**REFERRAL SOURCE BY COUNTY
1987-1988**

COUNTIES	Assistant Prosecutor		Police		Self-Referral		Investigator		Social Service Agencies	
	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88
	ATLANTIC	2	14	-	3	-	11	1	15	-
BERGEN	4	8	2	4	2	9	32	89	1	2
BURLINGTON	9	26	6	16	3	6	3	7	-	-
CAMDEN	6	5	2	1	1	1	2	15	-	1
CAPE MAY	4	5	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND	8	4	3	5	9	24	1	5	-	6
ESSEX	6	28	42	-	6	5	17	30	1	1
GLOUCESTER	-	10	4	10	-	-	1	5	1	1
HUDSON	9	24	2	4	5	3	12	20	4	14
HUNTERDON	-	9	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	1
MERCER	6	5	1	16	8	22	6	10	-	1
MIDDLESEX	3	19	-	2	2	3	2	20	-	-
MONMOUTH	18	16	1	7	16	38	6	3	11	1
MORRIS	3	14	3	5	4	11	5	13	-	1
OCEAN	-	-	-	2	-	1	6	10	-	-
PASSAIC	-	11	-	7	-	5	-	44	-	2
SALEM	-	4	3	15	3	8	1	1	-	2
SOMERSET	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	-	2
SUSSEX	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	-
UNION	6	28	9	40	7	22	4	18	4	9
WARREN	-	2	-	4	-	2	-	3	-	1
TOTALS	84	232	78	148	69	185	100	325	22	45

COUNTIES	Sheriff's Dept.		VCCB		Initial Contact Letter		Other*	
	87	88	87	88	87	88	87	88
	ATLANTIC	-	-	-	-	1	6	1
BERGEN	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4
BURLINGTON	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	12
CAMDEN	-	1	-	1	9	10	6	6
CAPE MAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CUMBERLAND	-	-	-	-	8	6	6	6
ESSEX	-	-	4	2	165	42	45	11
GLOUCESTER	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1
HUDSON	-	-	-	1	-	21	3	19
HUNTERDON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERCER	-	-	-	1	-	-	11	12
MIDDLESEX	-	-	1	4	-	12	4	14
MONMOUTH	-	-	-	-	2	8	176	350
MORRIS	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	3
OCEAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
PASSAIC	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	11
SALEM	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	5
SOMERSET	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
SUSSEX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNION	-	4	-	3	9	24	19	49
WARREN	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	21
TOTALS	-	5	6	14	200	180	275	553

*Other Includes:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
 Private Attorneys
 Police Departments—Out of State
 Hospitals

Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly
 Family Court
 Probation
 Criminal Case Management

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
ABOUT THE VICTIMS**

		1987	1988	1989	Total
Sex:	Male	351	560	964	1,875
	Female	<u>428</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>2,112</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	Total	779	1,620	3,076	5,475
Race:	Black	218	527	833	1,578
	Hispanic	87	200	222	509
	White	317	830	1,808	2,955
	Other	<u>20</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>197</u>
	Total	642	1,599	2,998	5,239
Marital Status:					
	Single	375	914	-*	1,289
	Divorced	44	88	-	132
	Married	127	279	-	406
	Widowed	39	59	-	98
	Separated	40	76	-	116
	Total	<u>625</u>	<u>1,416</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2,041</u>

*Data on victim's marital status not collected in 1989

**CLIENT CATEGORIES
1987/1988/1989**

COUNTIES	Victims			Witnesses			Victims' Parents			Victims' Family			Totals		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	5	38	25	-	2	2	-	4	7	-	2	4	5	46	38
BERGEN	26	82	256	-	1	18	22	29	57	2	6	16	50	118	347
BURLINGTON	16	55	63	-	3	-	3	19	47	3	4	24	22	81	134
CAMDEN	19	20	54	-	1	2	5	12	43	2	5	15	26	38	114
CAPE MAY	5	9	19	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	8	6	9	30
CUMBERLAND	20	38	30	-	-	3	7	10	-	9	8	3	36	56	36
ESSEX	251	84	126	30	1	17	16	33	52	6	13	40	303	131	235
GLOUCESTER	5	24	37	-	1	-	2	3	8	-	2	4	7	30	49
HUDSON	24	87	70	-	-	-	1	5	2	9	16	16	34	108	88
HUNTERDON	-	18	67	-	2	38	-	-	5	-	4	6	-	24	116
MERCER	20	61	79	-	4	14	6	5	7	4	1	3	30	71	103
MIDDLESEX	10	46	1557	-	1	2	1	11	103	-	10	77	11	68	1739
MONMOUTH	197	387	291	-	-	-	11	15	4	8	20	11	216	422	306
MORRIS	11	43	139	-	-	33	7	6	30	-	2	26	18	51	228
OCEAN	5	9	43	-	-	2	4	3	20	-	4	15	9	16	80
PASSAIC	-	63	55	-	1	2	-	19	14	-	7	7	-	90	78
SALEM	-	40	41	-	-	9	-	2	2	-	15	7	-	57	59
SOMERSET	6	9	61	-	-	10	-	3	6	1	-	1	7	12	78
SUSSEX	-	3	28	-	-	-	-	2	10	-	3	9	-	8	47
UNION	45	134	73	-	7	1	5	35	8	-	16	8	50	192	90
WARREN	-	28	34	-	2	1	-	5	49	-	7	20	-	42	104
TOTALS	665	1278	3148	30	26	154	90	221	477	45	145	320	830	1670	4099

**NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED BY
TYPE OF VICTIMIZATION
1987-1989**

COUNTIES	Murder/ Manslaughter			Child Abuse	Assault/ Assault W/Dangerous Weapon				
	Att. Murder/Manslaughter								
	87	88	89		87	88	89	87	88
ATLANTIC	1	5	5	-	8	4	4	10	2
BERGEN	6	11	33	21	62	88	5	12	53
BURLINGTON	2	1	9	3	12	62	9	24	30
CAMDEN	2	10	27	3	8	24	11	9	33
CAPE MAY	-	1	6	1	4	2	2	3	7
CUMBERLAND	-	3	-	-	6	-	14	22	20
ESSEX	15	14	30	11	40	54	110	30	23
GLOUCESTER	-	3	2	1	12	11	1	8	6
HUDSON	7	15	12	7	12	4	13	55	46
HUNTERDON	-	2	-	-	1	15	-	2	16
MERCER	9	13	15	1	6	6	12	26	21
MIDDLESEX	-	8	18	1	8	57	5	31	237
MONMOUTH	9	17	7	77	90	105	99	246	115
MORRIS	4	7	13	3	17	40	8	22	49
OCEAN	-	3	17	2	4	24	1	2	10
PASSAIC	-	11	9	-	10	14	-	38	35
SALEM	-	5	5	-	7	12	-	30	17
SOMERSET	-	1	2	-	3	17	1	2	13
SUSSEX	-	3	13	-	1	1	-	2	8
UNION	-	13	8	5	26	10	20	72	29
WARREN	-	5	30	-	8	28	-	3	1
TOTALS	55	151	261	136	345	578	315	647	771

COUNTIES	Burglary			Kidnapping			Death/Assault by Auto			DWI Careless Reckless Driving		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	2	-	-	7	2	-	1	5	-	1	-
BERGEN	-	5	3	3	1	3	-	2	10	-	-	-
BURLINGTON	1	8	9	-	1	1	-	2	3	1	-	-
CAMDEN	2	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	9	-	-	-
CAPE MAY	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND	3	7	-	-	1	-	3	4	2	-	-	-
ESSEX	31	1	10	2	-	2	1	-	4	-	-	-
GLOUCESTER	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
HUDSON	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
HUNTERDON	-	3	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERCER	3	4	32	1	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-
MIDDLESEX	1	7	298	1	3	7	-	1	44	-	-	-
MONMOUTH	1	4	10	5	4	4	-	-	1	3	11	-
MORRIS	1	2	38	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
OCEAN	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
PASSAIC	-	6	3	-	2	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
SALEM	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
SOMERSET	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
SUSSEX	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	3	5	-	-	-
UNION	3	6	2	-	10	7	4	1	2	-	-	-
WARREN	-	-	1	-	5	3	-	-	11	-	2	-
TOTALS	48	60	455	13	40	30	13	22	122	5	14	-

*Data on victims of DWI/Careless/Recking Driving not collected in 1989.

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**NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED BY
TYPE OF VICTIMIZATION—(Continued)
1987-1989**

COUNTIES	Sexual Assault			Robbery/Attempted Robbery			Arson			Terroristic Threats*		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	21	11	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	8	-
BERGEN	9	27	75	1	3	40	-	-	1	-	1	-
BURLINGTON	3	24	11	-	12	11	-	2	1	1	4	-
CAMDEN	6	1	12	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	2	-
CAPE MAY	-	1	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
CUMBERLAND	5	10	7	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	4	-
ESSEX	21	38	27	37	1	11	3	-	2	15	3	-
GLOUCESTER	-	6	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
HUDSON	5	17	11	2	4	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
HUNTERDON	-	3	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERCER	1	12	9	2	11	11	-	1	-	-	1	-
MIDDLESEX	2	8	67	-	8	95	-	1	9	-	4	-
MONMOUTH	28	68	58	3	19	4	-	-	-	1	13	-
MORRIS	-	20	3	1	4	9	-	-	2	-	4	-
OCEAN	4	3	13	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	-
PASSAIC	-	14	10	-	19	16	-	-	-	-	1	-
SALEM	-	8	9	-	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
SOMERSET	-	2	3	4	1	3	1	-	1	-	3	-
SUSSEX	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
UNION	5	21	10	3	21	8	3	2	-	-	18	-
WARREN	-	10	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
TOTALS	89	314	381	54	121	231	8	8	17	19	73	-

*Data on victims of Terroristic Threats not collected in 1989.

COUNTIES	Theft*			Domestic Violence			Totals		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	4	-	-	-	9	5	70	39
BERGEN	-	-	-	3	2	41	48	126	347
BURLINGTON	2	10	-	-	28	4	22	128	141
CAMDEN	-	2	-	-	1	4	27	41	114
CAPE MAY	-	2	-	-	1	3	6	17	30
CUMBERLAND	5	5	-	-	-	3	32	65	36
ESSEX	41	1	-	22	-	18	309	128	181
GLOUCESTER	-	-	-	-	2	12	3	31	44
HUDSON	-	1	-	-	3	2	35	111	82
HUNTERDON	-	10	-	-	8	43	-	29	101
MERCER	-	3	-	-	2	4	29	80	101
MIDDLESEX	-	10	-	2	9	81	12	98	913
MONMOUTH	-	1	-	7	76	9	233	549	313
MORRIS	-	-	-	-	4	31	18	80	194
OCEAN	-	-	-	-	3	13	7	22	84
PASSAIC	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	106	97
SALEM	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	55	58
SOMERSET	-	1	-	-	-	19	7	13	69
SUSSEX	-	-	-	-	2	9	-	13	50
UNION	-	3	-	9	49	48	52	242	124
WARREN	-	3	-	-	11	9	-	51	103
TOTALS	48	56	-	43	203	375	845	2055	3221

*Data on victims of Theft not collected in 1989

**Number and Type of Case Status Notifications Made to Victims
and Witnesses by County
1988-1989**

COUNTIES	Initial Contact		Pre-Grand Jury Remand		Administrative Dismissal		Grand Jury Remand		Grand Jury Dismissal	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
ATLANTIC	3,061	2,393	1,619	1,021	509	473	161	21	135	-
BERGEN	111	242	2,396	3,972	469	372	24	-	2	1
BURLINGTON	1,104	340	3,183	3,648	613	546	-	29	71	72
CAMDEN	2,038	2,235	2,038	293	49	273	237	136	70	203
CAPE MAY	883	1,097	76	240	47	58	60	28	60	29
CUMBERLAND	2,228	350	948	2,001	294	392	59	466	23	26
ESSEX	5,568	1,263	507	638	208	363	120	233	1,093	591
GLOUCESTER	2,919	91	393	1,417	409	424	191	229	271	201
HUDSON	390	140	-	39	199	165	464	378	531	397
HUNTERDON	305	228	606	457	423	610	-	218	14	-
MERCER	635	41	119	443	154	164	160	163	11	8
MIDDLESEX	1,955	1,974	409	457	247	114	21	99	110	172
MONMOUTH	3,376	1,502	1,331	2,163	251	179	380	496	539	500
MORRIS	2,441	892	1,390	1,785	172	186	77	6	131	69
OCEAN	544	47	492	1,045	88	167	-	5	9	167
PASSAIC	324	287	-	-	-	-	107	154	162	148
SALEM	197	11	-	172	3	9	-	5	-	43
SOMERSET	570	1,205	-	-	9	17	23	6	90	65
SUSSEX	281	93	284	154	224	174	36	101	34	-
UNION	1928	827	2	105	4	1	-	-	2	-
WARREN	439	244	100	497	51	109	9	44	13	3
TOTALS	31,297	15,502	13,893	20,547	4,423	4,796	2,129	2,807	3,371	2,695

COUNTIES	Grand Jury Indictment True Bill		Acceptance into PTI		Termination from PTI		Completion of PTI		Release on Bail	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
ATLANTIC	899	686	65	118	1	19	1	20	43	51
BERGEN	1,402	1,262	415	305	92	93	254	634	1,914	1,900
BURLINGTON	1,239	1,327	-	-	-	-	21	198	14	75
CAMDEN	194	1,185	956	491	230	66	53	101	130	85
CAPE MAY	543	458	93	147	14	84	7	72	39	78
CUMBERLAND	1,173	2,062	7	230	1	6	1	4	5	6
ESSEX	1,015	870	94	193	15	123	47	170	157	98
GLOUCESTER	1,352	1,035	166	155	8	12	207	177	733	421
HUDSON	572	451	32	32	11	7	12	20	34	32
HUNTERDON	167	201	545	484	-	189	-	-	-	11
MERCER	308	483	65	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLESEX	907	1,138	180	24	40	4	206	5	41	71
MONMOUTH	4,838	4,058	347	235	69	109	366	443	536	428
MORRIS	1,446	899	1,010	1,136	160	67	30	724	106	131
OCEAN	445	349	25	9	9	-	-	-	27	11
PASSAIC	502	417	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
SALEM	21	220	7	-	14	-	-	-	2	3
SOMERSET	553	447	5	10	-	1	-	-	-	16
SUSSEX	792	270	178	94	17	39	63	48	19	34
UNION	2	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	16	7
WARREN	187	145	67	85	9	27	10	17	20	20
TOTALS	18,557	17,976	4,260	3,751	690	846	1,278	2,633	3,841	3,484

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**Number and Type of Case Status Notifications Made to Victims
and Witnesses by County—(Continued)
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COUNTIES	Bench Warrant		Disposition		Trial Date		Negotiated Plea		Sentencing Date	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
	ATLANTIC	14	47	67	566	84	209	455	674	814
BERGEN	1,234	1,135	1,686	733	180	446	1,076	207	1,945	560
BURLINGTON	-	20	83	-	-	1,350	1,108	-	1,782	2,121
CAMDEN	8	454	110	521	254	169	1,277	808	1,268	885
CAPE MAY	79	83	95	233	52	217	122	115	287	207
CUMBERLAND	2	19	27	11	-	-	758	164	733	369
ESSEX	105	53	138	428	-	161	266	48	195	67
GLOUCESTER	130	85	242	564	108	217	347	586	274	384
HUDSON	12	14	97	44	12	100	601	483	97	115
HUNTERDON	-	-	30	248	-	39	240	464	19	101
MERCER	-	-	82	77	-	36	185	405	122	122
MIDDLESEX	195	-	1,086	584	89	60	679	964	63	226
MONMOUTH	586	660	335	635	687	5,632	1,433	1,515	2,613	1,782
MORRIS	623	897	483	44	47	426	570	525	712	893
OCEAN	9	-	15	22	2	17	168	265	98	57
PASSAIC	2	3	118	349	-	43	160	-	202	62
SALEM	2	29	9	5	2	4	1	78	5	19
SOMERSET	27	95	123	28	2	17	346	232	35	91
SUSSEX	106	5	21	-	-	34	292	186	446	190
UNION	8	6	272	38	4	54	4,227	10	3,499	3,489
WARREN	52	23	66	78	13	354	214	307	87	169
TOTALS	3,194	3,628	5,185	5,208	1,536	9,585	14,525	8,036	15,296	12,571

COUNTIES	Sentence Imposed		Court Dismissal		Mistrial		Parole Input		Employer/School	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
ATLANTIC	476	417	20	21	1	-	64	49	20	3
BERGEN	1,763	717	27	169	-	6	186	110	3	20
BURLINGTON	1,720	1,679	15	-	-	18	174	185	81	143
CAMDEN	1,110	629	136	111	3	-	178	130	17	5
CAPE MAY	255	158	6	6	2	-	31	37	4	17
CUMBERLAND	1,206	844	2	14	-	-	666	495	3	-
ESSEX	746	865	8	3	2	-	250	484	98	107
GLOUCESTER	442	504	225	485	8	-	76	116	27	25
HUDSON	281	214	85	31	-	4	216	223	11	15
HUNTERDON	52	352	-	8	-	-	9	32	-	3
MERCER	283	263	1	84	-	17	43	49	24	7
MIDDLESEX	906	505	-	14	-	1	21	50	6	2
MONMOUTH	554	814	-	9	6	-	84	165	21	14
MORRIS	1,817	1,911	16	64	18	3	51	40	53	30
OCEAN	155	169	-	2	1	2	63	55	25	8
PASSAIC	182	234	-	-	-	-	190	185	-	5
SALEM	3	57	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	4
SOMERSET	404	367	-	-	-	-	41	38	4	6
SUSSEX	408	155	-	56	2	-	15	14	1	1
UNION	679	69	-	1	6	-	182	179	91	7
WARREN	175	211	10	27	3	-	46	96	18	10
TOTALS	13,617	11,134	551	1,105	52	51	2,586	2,742	509	432

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**Number and Type of Case Status Notifications Made to Victims
and Witnesses by County—(Continued)
1988-1989**

COUNTIES	Assault/Death by Auto		Victim Impact Statement		Other*		Total	
	88	89	88	89	88	89	88	89
ATLANTIC	1	15	24	135	478	25	9,012	5,229
BERGEN	7	29	9	65	111	107	15,306	12,843
BURLINGTON	42	30	-	534	-	-	11,250	11,875
CAMDEN	52	29	192	882	-	259	8,566	7,715
CAPE MAY	103	32	90	180	7	246	2,955	2,725
CUMBERLAND	25	2	-	-	59	322	8,220	7,433
ESSEX	28	29	-	19	-	-	10,660	5,543
GLOUCESTER	45	42	4	12	230	8	8,807	7,099
HUDSON	41	29	86	449	-	-	3,784	3,242
HUNTERDON	156	6	-	13	520	616	3,086	405
MERCER	-	2	-	25	79	22	2,271	2,372
MIDDLESEX	15	61	45	229	-	2,033	7,221	6,813
MONMOUTH	78	95	6	71	218	1,556	18,654	21,549
MORRIS	92	43	199	399	341	3,838	11,985	14,116
OCEAN	36	26	5	112	-	36	2,216	2,524
PASSAIC	8	-	8	10	-	3	1,970	1,619
SALEM	1	10	-	5	-	4	269	677
SOMERSET	7	-	-	19	-	3	2,246	1,458
SUSSEX	2	-	-	31	1	3	3,222	1,589
UNION	8	1	13	46	23	564	10,969	4,591
WARREN	15	26	63	395	118	1,385	1,785	4,028
TOTALS	762	507	744	3,631	2,185	11,030	142,481	144,596

*Other includes: Condolence letters, Compensation eligibility letters, Notice of appeal

**NUMBER AND TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS BY COUNTY
1987/1988/1989**

COUNTIES	Reception Waiting Room			Outreach			Reassurance Calls			Interviews/ Need Assessment			Child Care		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	1	10	248	7	107	2,393	4	66	114	4	35	21	-	22	56
BERGEN	26	107	156	53	109	242	32	49	224	79	137	357	16	27	46
BURLINGTON	44	232	245	127	513	340	71	254	220	16	39	175	-	3	7
CAMDEN	3	14	179	34	109	2235	10	16	193	18	39	127	-	-	-
CAPE MAY	-	4	97	9	42	1097	17	22	309	3	3	316	-	6	23
CUMBERLAND	-	1	30	-	23	350	-	7	100	-	28	36	-	-	5
ESSEX	38	76	94	273	149	1263	294	214	44	297	153	201	8	10	9
GLOUCESTER	1	20	65	-	23	91	3	7	23	-	9	57	-	-	6
HUDSON	34	157	187	52	76	140	43	84	140	54	197	261	1	8	70
HUNTERDON	-	24	114	-	81	228	-	72	41	-	5	6	-	-	4
MERCER	27	25	50	11	41	41	7	19	33	18	53	76	-	-	4
MIDDLESEX	2	5	19	7	24	1974	3	44	70	2	46	133	-	-	4
MONMOUTH	27	47	252	425	992	1502	26	125	159	25	497	522	4	3	19
MORRIS	12	98	279	20	69	892	14	46	293	16	77	191	2	40	122
OCEAN	4	75	87	18	121	49	3	57	82	11	50	76	4	15	29
PASSAIC	-	2	11	-	30	278	-	15	26	-	56	48	-	-	7
SALEM	-	19	46	-	73	11	-	26	14	-	69	24	-	12	5
SOMERSET	-	2	1	-	-	1205	-	2	160	-	-	171	-	-	10
SUSSEX	-	11	32	-	15	93	-	-	10	-	9	11	-	-	-
UNION	36	25	85	45	217	827	37	119	149	65	298	145	-	15	7
WARREN	12	88	111	119	175	244	18	54	47	69	33	1	1	7	10
TOTALS	267	1042	2388	1200	2989	15493	582	1298	2451	677	1833	2955	36	168	443

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**NUMBER AND TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS BY COUNTY
1987/1988/1989—(Continued)**

COUNTIES	Employer/School Intervention			Transportation			Criminal Justice Orientation			Advocacy on Case Decisions			Advocacy With Restraining Orders		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	8	10	-	12	40	7	74	340	8	115	172	8	93	83
BERGEN	1	1	38	9	5	65	35	83	223	10	13	354	5	49	32
BURLINGTON	16	107	43	22	133	107	44	108	114	23	19	83	7	19	13
CAMDEN	1	4	17	-	4	15	20	26	2188	11	30	218	-	5	42
CAPE MAY	1	-	42	-	65	98	15	9	306	3	6	347	3	9	272
CUMBERLAND	-	4	3	-	7	15	-	15	25	-	12	210	-	4	15
ESSEX	12	20	89	7	57	21	350	233	513	123	35	71	6	52	57
GLOUCESTER	-	1	19	-	7	13	1	15	32	2	22	186	-	4	34
HUDSON	-	13	35	5	9	92	34	119	135	24	99	327	16	10	76
HUNTERDON	-	3	9	-	12	13	-	41	56	-	73	96	-	-	1
MERCER	9	5	8	2	10	7	25	30	32	1	3	8	2	1	2
MIDDLESEX	-	-	2	-	10	87	2	43	190	5	11	250	-	-	22
MONMOUTH	6	21	12	10	32	192	270	673	1039	19	96	234	11	25	29
MORRIS	6	35	28	1	45	30	11	36	174	12	72	303	9	15	81
OCEAN	2	4	33	1	14	50	1	27	22	9	148	573	1	12	8
PASSAIC	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	6	62	-	45	344	-	3	9
SALEM	-	22	2	-	63	15	-	25	17	-	27	1	-	33	-
SOMERSET	-	-	7	-	1	44	-	2	44	-	1	263	-	-	7
SUSSEX	-	-	1	-	2	6	-	10	45	-	13	7	-	-	-
UNION	-	11	4	22	95	156	131	220	269	12	59	91	33	75	59
WARREN	8	3	15	4	10	22	64	92	28	20	78	44	-	5	2
TOTALS	62	263	418	83	528	1091	1010	1887	5854	282	977	4182	101	414	844

COUNTIES	Harassment/ Intimidation			Translation			Grand Jury Preparation			Property Return			Victim Impact Statement		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	3	34	142	-	8	11	-	14	31	-	7	40	-	3	76
BERGEN	13	15	86	-	-	3	5	7	11	5	1	-	-	23	42
BURLINGTON	7	39	15	-	-	6	21	112	46	2	9	15	3	35	62
CAMDEN	4	6	33	2	2	11	3	5	23	6	8	36	13	10	150
CAPE MAY	-	-	190	-	-	4	3	3	91	-	92	106	6	8	243
CUMBERLAND	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	1	25	-	1	30
ESSEX	123	59	50	6	16	21	5	55	231	15	-	63	5	12	10
GLOUCESTER	-	1	27	-	-	-	-	7	143	-	-	3	-	2	3
HUDSON	3	29	109	15	41	267	6	16	120	-	11	132	3	66	191
HUNTERDON	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	22	62	-	12	12	-	1	17
MERCER	1	4	5	-	-	2	15	11	-	1	2	10	1	3	9
MIDDLESEX	-	1	19	-	-	2	1	3	20	2	4	111	-	29	159
MONMOUTH	20	78	74	6	3	24	17	336	718	4	36	345	1	108	24
MORRIS	-	46	40	-	8	21	4	34	95	10	8	72	1	31	108
OCEAN	-	27	63	-	1	5	5	32	32	-	17	62	1	30	95
PASSAIC	-	-	29	-	23	45	-	8	4	-	2	18	-	17	19
SALEM	-	15	1	-	-	1	-	27	8	-	5	5	-	18	3
SOMERSET	-	1	3	-	1	2	-	2	3	-	-	31	-	-	15
SUSSEX	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	3	3	-	3	8
UNION	11	113	61	8	90	23	7	31	36	1	3	19	4	13	17
WARREN	6	18	6	-	12	7	12	26	9	10	14	49	54	20	10
TOTALS	194	494	963	37	205	456	104	752	1710	56	143	1157	92	443	1291

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**NUMBER AND TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS BY COUNTY
1987/1988/1989—(Continued)**

COUNTIES	Counseling			Substance Abuse			Food			Emergency Shelter			Clothing		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	8	100	478	-	85	85	2	6	2	-	5	10	-	8	-
BERGEN	105	202	465	-	1	13	4	1	18	15	4	19	7	-	5
BURLINGTON	63	109	24	-	2	25	2	10	2	5	9	10	-	3	8
CAMDEN	19	51	204	-	8	20	-	13	10	-	5	3	-	2	1
CAPE MAY	9	29	211	-	-	36	-	1	33	2	-	14	-	-	20
CUMBERLAND	-	10	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-
ESSEX	50	244	110	-	-	3	7	5	34	-	12	19	3	7	-
GLOUCESTER	-	11	36	-	-	9	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
HUDSON	48	125	178	-	-	40	2	1	7	6	9	58	1	-	1
HUNTERDON	-	45	27	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERCER	18	41	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
MIDDLESEX	7	19	58	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
MONMOUTH	186	451	723	-	5	2	1	5	11	15	11	39	2	-	-
MORRIS	19	77	126	-	11	24	-	49	79	-	5	7	-	9	-
OCEAN	15	36	81	1	-	2	3	6	19	-	3	10	-	-	3
PASSAIC	-	32	27	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
SALEM	-	92	24	-	-	3	-	60	10	-	23	4	-	13	1
SOMERSET	-	4	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUSSEX	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
UNION	3	115	50	27	2	1	9	37	28	3	42	3	4	8	3
WARREN	26	29	42	1	-	-	4	4	-	3	3	-	2	-	-
TOTALS	576	1824	3029	29	114	266	35	203	256	50	134	229	19	50	43

COUNTIES	Mental Health			Landlord/ Creditor Intervention			Compensation			Document Replacement			Restitution		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	14	14	1	23	20	5	35	357	-	11	55	-	3	77
BERGEN	22	23	49	2	-	20	111	159	419	1	1	12	5	7	31
BURLINGTON	10	19	-	18	29	3	143	532	280	2	3	5	4	37	89
CAMDEN	1	10	42	15	14	62	42	58	388	1	8	2	9	17	382
CAPE MAY	5	24	525	8	5	295	13	502	829	6	3	9	5	-	150
CUMBERLAND	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	27	55	-	2	5	-	4	63
ESSEX	25	27	34	9	26	3	131	190	483	-	12	47	37	2	472
GLOUCESTER	-	5	5	-	-	1	-	5	10	-	1	-	-	-	19
HUDSON	20	47	93	6	2	6	61	187	342	-	12	124	-	11	119
HUNTERDON	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	40	45	-	-	-	-	20	30
MERCER	-	7	-	-	-	-	29	53	41	1	11	1	-	-	4
MIDDLESEX	-	-	9	2	-	9	10	27	273	1	-	1	1	2	103
MONMOUTH	31	67	214	-	94	42	293	669	1496	3	20	3	4	28	209
MORRIS	7	16	41	4	12	40	20	57	133	4	2	6	-	11	119
OCEAN	1	8	15	-	29	19	31	87	178	2	-	16	-	-	80
PASSAIC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	231	-	-	-	-	-	54
SALEM	-	15	4	-	12	7	-	88	66	-	8	5	-	12	14
SOMERSET	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	2	30	-	-	-	-	5	54
SUSSEX	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	10	26	-	2	-	-	-	11
UNION	9	25	11	7	13	33	61	196	223	8	24	8	3	3	6
WARREN	2	3	6	4	1	17	26	46	60	1	5	2	79	3	160
TOTALS	133	314	1073	76	265	487	976	3140	5965	30	125	301	147	165	2246

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**NUMBER AND TYPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO VICTIMS BY COUNTY
1987/1988/1989—(Continued)**

COUNTIES	Financial			Legal			Medical			Crime Prevention			Other		
	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89	87	88	89
ATLANTIC	-	12	-	-	17	43	-	9	2	-	37	40	-	6	-
BERGEN	3	1	7	-	2	20	5	10	11	13	12	77	14	15	5
BURLINGTON	-	5	-	2	6	5	8	-	-	-	11	25	9	44	-
CAMDEN	3	31	24	3	2	95	10	14	12	3	-	75	2	14	-
CAPE MAY	1	-	10	-	-	31	1	1	1	-	-	274	1	715	-
CUMBERLAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-
ESSEX	8	17	50	3	9	25	9	11	34	3	101	-	9	27	-
GLOUCESTER	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	2
HUDSON	-	22	50	5	20	74	10	34	53	2	7	32	18	67	23
HUNTERDON	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
MERCER	2	8	8	-	2	1	-	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	-
MIDDLESEX	9	-	6	3	1	53	-	6	8	-	-	1	8	20	139
MONMOUTH	2	25	12	16	27	41	7	9	16	3	30	12	1	73	68
MORRIS	4	31	5	3	8	11	4	11	13	1	2	12	-	17	226
OCEAN	-	18	4	-	4	22	6	2	15	3	5	8	-	8	56
PASSAIC	-	2	1	-	-	5	-	1	6	-	-	7	-	24	117
SALEM	-	10	-	-	18	6	-	25	13	-	4	-	-	-	-
SOMERSET	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUSSEX	-	3	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
UNION	1	1	-	9	40	38	5	8	1	12	15	10	-	81	-
WARREN	14	9	-	11	2	13	-	-	4	-	-	-	28	19	-
TOTALS	48	199	179	55	162	497	65	143	191	40	227	590	90	1135	643

APPENDIX A

Drunk Driving Victim's Bill of Rights. (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.9 et. seq.)

CHAPTER 442

AN ACT establishing a drunk driving victim's bill of rights and supplementing subtitle 6 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*:

C. 39:4-50.9 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Drunk Driving Victim's Bill of Rights."

C. 39:4-50.10 "Victim" defined.

2. As used in this act, "victim" means, unless otherwise indicated, a person who suffers personal physical or psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal or real property as a result of a motor vehicle accident involving another person's driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In the event of a death, "victim" means the surviving spouse, a child or the next of kin.

C. 39:4-50.11 Victims' rights.

3. Victims shall have the right to:

a. Make statements to law enforcement officers regarding the facts of the motor vehicle accident and to reasonable use of a telephone;

b. Receive medical assistance for injuries resulting from the accident;

c. Contact the investigating officer and see copies of the accident reports and, in the case of a surviving spouse, child or next of kin, the autopsy reports;

d. Be provided by the court adjudicating the offense, upon the request of the victim in writing, with:

(1) Information about their role in the court process;

(2) Timely advance notice of the date, time and place of the defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, submission to the court of any plea agreement, the trial and sentencing;

(3) Timely notification of the case disposition, including the trial and sentencing;

(4) Prompt notification of any decision or action in the case which results in the defendant's provisional or final release from custody; and

(5) Information about the status of the case at any time from the commission of the offense to final disposition or release of the defendant;

e. Receive, when requested from any law enforcement agency involved with the offense, assistance in obtaining employer cooperation in minimizing loss of pay and other benefits resulting from their participation in the court process;

f. A secure waiting area, after the motor vehicle accident, during investigations, and prior to a court appearance;

g. Submit to the court adjudicating the offense a written or oral statement to be considered in deciding upon sentencing and probation terms. This statement may include the nature and extent of any physical harm or psychological or emotional harm or trauma suffered by the victim, the extent of any loss of earnings or ability to work suffered by the victim and the effect of the offense upon the victim's family.

When a need is demonstrated, the information in this section shall be provided in the Spanish as well as the English language.

C. 39:4-50.12 Consultation with prosecutor.

4. A victim shall be provided with an opportunity to consult with the prosecutor prior to dismissal of the case or the filing of a proposed plea negotiation with the court, if the victim sustained bodily injury or serious bodily injury as defined in N. J. S. 2C:11-1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to alter or limit the authority or discretion of the prosecutor to enter into any plea agreement which the prosecutor deems appropriate.

C. 39:4-50.13 Tort Claims Act rights.

5. Nothing contained in the act shall mitigate any right which the victim may have pursuant to the "New Jersey Tort Claims Act" (N. J. S. 59:1-1 et seq.).

6. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

Approved January 13, 1986.

APPENDIX B

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy (N.J.S.A. 52:4B-39 et seq.)

CHAPTER 404

AN ACT establishing an Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and supplementing P. L. 1971, c. 317 (C. 52:4B-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*:

C. 52:4B-39 Victim, board defined.

1. As used in this act:

a. "Victim" means a person who suffers personal physical or psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal or real property as a result of a crime committed against that person.

b. "Board" means the Violent Crimes Compensation Board in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

C. 52:4B-40 Office of Victim-Witness Assistance.

2. There is established under the jurisdiction of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board in the Department of Law and Public Safety an Office of Victim-Witness Assistance under the supervision of the Director of the Office of Victim-Witness Assistance.

C. 52:4B-41 Information program.

3. The Office of Victim-Witness Assistance shall develop and coordinate a Statewide victim-witness rights information program.

C. 52:4B-42 Components.

4. The victim-witness rights information program shall:

a. Provide victims or their representatives with information about the availability of social and medical services, especially emergency and social services available in the victim's immediate geographical area;

b. Provide victims or their representatives with information about possible compensation under the "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971," P. L. 1971, c. 317 (C. 52:4B-1 et seq.) and of the sentencing court's authority to order restitution under chapter 43 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes;

c. Provide victims or their representatives with information about how to contact the appropriate county office of victim-witness advocacy and the appropriate county prosecutor's office;

d. Provide a 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone number for victims and witnesses to call with inquiries concerning the information and services available pursuant to this act;

e. Provide victims and witnesses with a detailed description of the rights established under the Crime Victim's Bill of Rights created by P. L. 1985, c. 249 (C. 52:4B-34 et seq.);

f. Gather available information from victim assistance programs throughout the country and make that information available to the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, police agencies, hospitals, prosecutors' offices, the courts, and other agencies that provide assistance to victims of crimes; and

g. Sponsor conferences to bring together personnel working in the field of victim assistance and compensation to exchange methods and procedures for improving and expanding services to victims.

C. 52:4B-43 Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

5. There is established in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety an Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy under the supervision of the Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

C. 52:4B-44 Mandatory services.

6. a. The Attorney General shall, through the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety and in consultation with the county prosecutors, promulgate standards for law enforcement agencies to ensure that the rights of crime victims are enforced.

b. The standards shall require that the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice and each county prosecutor's office provide the following services upon request for victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution of a case:

(1) Orientation information about the criminal justice system and the victim's and witness's role in the criminal justice process;

(2) Notification of any change in the case status and of final disposition;

(3) Information on crime prevention and on available responses to witness intimidation;

(4) Information about available services to meet needs resulting from the crime and referrals to service agencies, where appropriate;

(5) Advance notice of the date, time and place of the defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, submission to the court of any plea agreement, the trial and sentencing;

(6) Advance notice of when presence in court is not needed;

(7) Advice about available compensation, restitution and other forms of recovery and assistance in applying for government compensation;

(8) A waiting or reception area separate from the defendant for use during court proceedings;

(9) An escort or accompaniment for intimidated victims or witnesses during court appearances;

(10) Information about directions, parking, courthouse and courtroom locations, transportation services and witness fees, in advance of court appearances;

(11) Assistance for victims and witnesses in meeting special needs when required to make court appearances, such as transportation and child care arrangements;

(12) Assistance in making travel and lodging arrangements for out-of-State witnesses;

(13) Notification to employers of victims and witnesses, if cooperation in the investigation or prosecution causes absence from work;

(14) Notification of the case disposition, including the trial and sentencing;

(15) Advice to victims about their right to make a statement about the impact of the crime for inclusion in the presentence report or at time of parole consideration, if applicable; and

(16) Expediting the return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

C. 52:4B-45 County victim-witness coordinators.

7. a. The Chief of the Office of the Victim-Witness Advocacy shall appoint a county victim-witness coordinator in each county.

b. A county victim-witness coordinator shall be responsible for the implementation of the victim-witness rights program in that county.

c. Each county prosecutor shall provide office space, when available, for the victim-witness coordinator of that county.

d. Each municipality may provide office space for these purposes at minimal or no cost.

C. 52:4B-46 Coordination with law enforcement agencies.

8. In providing the information and services mentioned above, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy shall coordinate its efforts with the various law enforcement agencies. These agencies are required by P. L. 1985, c. 249 (C. 52:4B-34 et seq.) to inform victims of the availability of this assistance.

C. 52:4B-47 Training.

9. a. The curriculum for police training courses required pursuant to P. L. 1961, c. 56 (C. 52:17B-66 et seq.) shall include training on responding to the needs of crime victims and on services available to provide assistance.

b. In-service training shall be made available for police officers, assistant prosecutors, county detectives and investigators on specialized needs of crime victims and available services.

C. 52:4B-48 Criminal Justice assistance.

10. The Division of Criminal Justice shall provide assistance to county prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in implementing the guidelines and training requirements of this act.

C. 52:4B-49 Annual reports.

11. a. The Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy shall annually report to the Attorney General, through the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety, on the services provided to victims and witnesses, as required by this act.

b. Each county prosecutor, as part of his annual report to the Attorney General pursuant to subsection b. of section 15 of P. L. 1970, c. 74 (C. 52:17B-111), shall report on the services provided to victims and witnesses, as required by this act.

12. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment but any appointment and any action permitted or required by this act and necessary to implement this act as of such date may be made or undertaken any time following enactment.

Approved January 9, 1986.

APPENDIX C

**Assembly Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee
Statement to Assembly, No. 2802**

**(L.1985, c.406 approved 1/9/86 establishing
Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund)**

ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2802
[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 15, 1985

PROVISIONS:

Assembly Bill No. 2802 (OCR) provides for a \$5.00 increase in the mandatory minimum penalty assessed against persons convicted of criminal offenses. The additional \$5.00 assessment is to be deposited in a newly-created Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund, to be administered by the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety. The purpose of the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund is to "support the development and provision of services to victims and witnesses of crimes and for related administrative costs." The Director of the Division of Criminal Justice is to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the purposes of the fund, and to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the fund's operations.

The bill makes it clear that the criminal penalties in question are to be forwarded through the Violent Crimes Compensation Board for transmittal and deposit in the Treasury.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that the additional \$5.00 assessment would raise approximately \$540,000.00 for deposit in the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund in 1985.

The committee reports this bill favorably.

APPENDIX D

Rules and Regulations—Administration of Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund (N.J.A.C. 13:78)

CHAPTER 78 ADMINISTRATION OF VICTIM AND WITNESS ADVOCACY FUND

Authority

N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1a(5).

Source and Effective Date

R.1989 d.156, effective March 20, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2997(b), 21 N.J.R. 774(b).

Executive Order 66(1978) Expiration Date

Pursuant to the requirements and criteria of Executive Order 66(1978), this chapter expires on March 20, 1994.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13:78-1.1 Purpose

The rules in this chapter govern the administration of the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1a. This Fund is legislatively mandated to support the development and provision of services to victims and witnesses of crimes, and for related administrative costs. All monies distributed according to this chapter shall be used to implement the Attorney General Standards to Ensure the Rights of Crime Victims, promulgated pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:4B-44a and b.

13:78-1.2 Legal authority

The Director of the Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Law and Public Safety is charged with the responsibility to establish rules deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Fund under N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1a(5).

SUBCHAPTER 2. USE OF FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

13:78-2.1 Use of Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund distributions

Monies from the Fund which are distributed to the county prosecutors shall be applied exclusively toward the implementation of the Attorney General Standards, and shall not supplant regular county funding or any other outside funding currently in existence. These monies may be used to establish or enhance victim-witness waiting rooms, to hire personnel to provide services in accordance with the Standards, to purchase computer equipment to maintain communications with victims and witnesses, or for such other purposes as the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice may authorize.

SUBCHAPTER 3. DISBURSEMENT FROM FUND

13:78-3.1 Disbursement from Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund

(a) Monies deposited in the Victim and Witness Advocacy Fund shall be distributed as follows:

1. To the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy as follows:
 - i. Monies first shall be allocated to provide complete funding for the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy within the Division of Criminal Justice established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:4B-43, and shall be in an amount sufficient to provide for all staff salaries and any other necessary operational expenses.
 - ii. After deductions are made from the Fund for the operation of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, any remaining monies may be distributed, according to the Director's discretion, to the entities in (a)2 and 3 below that are in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:4B-43 et seq.
2. To the county Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy. In distributing monies to the 21 county Offices of Victim-Witness Advocacy within

each county prosecutor's office established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:4B-44b and 52:4B-45, the following procedures shall be followed:

i. Each year, immediately preceding the fiscal year budget preparation period for county prosecutors' offices, the Director shall inform the county prosecutors of the monies available to assist with the operation of their county Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy for the next year.

ii. Upon receipt of this notification, each county prosecutor shall provide the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy with an estimation of the costs to operate the county Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, extracted to the extent possible from the overall budget to be submitted to the respective county governing body. These estimated figures shall be supplied on a form provided by the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy. The estimated budget request figures shall indicate the salary costs for the County Victim-Witness Coordinator and other personnel, as well as an approximation of other expenses such as equipment, motor vehicles, travel and training.

iii. The county prosecutor, in consultation with the county victim-witness coordinator, shall also provide to the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy a detailed description of proposals and associated projected costs intended to enhance the basic provision of services to victims and witnesses, which would be provided by an appropriation from the Fund, and which would be necessary to comply with the Attorney General Standards.

iv. The Chief of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy shall review the funding application submitted by each county prosecutor and, subject to the Director's approval, shall allocate monies to each county prosecutor for contribution toward the provision of services for victims and witnesses in that county. The Director may reject any costs deemed excessive or not integral to the implementation of the Attorney General Standards.

v. Monies from the Fund may be withheld from a county until that county's governing body approves the county prosecutor's budget request for the county Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, as was furnished in the application form previously submitted to the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy. If the county governing body appropriates an amount to the county prosecutor which differs from the original budget request, the prosecutor shall submit to the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy a revised funding application. In its discretion, the State office shall modify its allocation accordingly.

vi. The Chief of the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, subject to the Director's approval, may allocate to a county additional funding for special projects or other such purposes over and above the

regular award. A county seeking such additional funding shall comply with normal application procedures as provided above.

3. To other public entities. After the allocation of monies as described in (a)2 and 3 above, the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, with the Director's approval, may distribute funds to municipalities or other public entities as deemed appropriate for the implementation of the Attorney General Standards.

SUBCHAPTER 4. ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT

13:78-4.1 Accounting, reporting and audit

(a) A county prosecutor's office which receives monies from the fund shall maintain a separate account in which such monies shall be held, along with detailed records of all receipts, expenditures and unexpended balances. Each county office shall submit to the State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy a quarterly report documenting these figures, as well as an annual report at the end of each fiscal year. Any unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year are subject to return to the State.

(b) The Division reserves the right to periodically audit the records of any county prosecutor's office receiving monies from the Fund.

APPENDIX E

Quarterly Revenue Transfers from VCCB, FY 87-FY 89

Transfers Received from VCCB FY 87-FY 89

Collection Period	FY 87 Amount Transferred	Date Entered into Account
4th quarter FY 86	\$ 50,732	2/17/87
1st quarter FY 87	62,253	2/02/87
2nd quarter FY 87	54,059	3/10/87
3rd quarter FY 87	54,059	5/12/87
	FY 88	
4th quarter FY 87	\$ 72,436	10/15/87
1st quarter FY 88	61,566	11/24/87
2nd quarter FY 88	112,078	5/19/88
	FY 89	
3rd quarter FY 88	\$102,844	1/09/89
4th quarter FY 88	121,999	1/09/89
1st quarter FY 89	124,815	1/09/89
2nd quarter FY 89	109,011	6/01/89

APPENDIX F

**County Allocations—Formula Calculation Tables,
FY 88-FY 90**

COUNTY ALLOCATIONS FY 88

(Based on \$200,000)

County	1985		1986		1986		Average %	Amount
	Population	%	Crime Index	%	Total Defendant Cases Reviewed	%		
Atlantic	205,124	2.7	23,624	6.0	6,481	6.9	5.2	\$ 9,940.00
Bergen	841,277	11.1	29,218	7.3	4,520	4.8	7.7	\$ 12,315.00
Burlington	380,083	5.0	14,139	3.6	3,487	3.7	4.1	\$ 8,895.00
Camden	488,080	6.5	29,538	7.4	6,678	7.1	7.0	\$ 11,650.00
Cape May	90,638	1.2	6,809	1.7	1,313	1.4	1.4	\$ 6,330.00
Cumberland	134,921	1.8	8,119	2.0	541	.6	1.5	\$ 6,425.00
Essex	845,740	11.2	73,093	18.3	20,279	21.6	17.0	\$ 21,150.00
Gloucester	207,106	2.7	8,252	2.1	2,608	2.8	2.5	\$ 7,375.00
Hudson	555,896	7.4	39,261	10.0	10,186	10.8	9.4	\$ 13,930.00
Hunterdon	92,773	1.2	1,861	.5	637	.7	.8	\$ 5,760.00
Mercer	317,685	4.2	19,490	4.9	6,080	6.5	5.2	\$ 9,940.00
Middlesex	626,703	8.3	25,667	6.4	5,532	5.9	7.0	\$ 11,650.00
Monmouth	530,913	7.0	22,076	5.5	6,350	6.7	6.4	\$ 11,080.00
Morris	417,124	5.5	12,047	3.0	2,461	2.6	3.7	\$ 8,515.00
Ocean	379,973	5.0	16,428	4.1	3,378	3.6	4.2	\$ 8,990.00
Passaic	461,382	6.1	25,418	6.4	4,875	5.2	5.9	\$ 10,605.00
Salem	65,215	.9	2,326	.6	1,437	1.5	1.0	\$ 5,950.00
Somerset	210,318	2.8	7,322	1.8	1,167	1.2	1.9	\$ 6,805.00
Sussex	119,615	1.6	2,872	.7	541	.6	1.0	\$ 5,950.00
Union	506,714	6.7	28,819	7.2	4,593	4.9	6.3	\$ 10,985.00
Warren	85,202	1.1	2,161	.5	871	.9	.8	\$ 5,760.00
Total	7,562,482	100%	398,540	100%	94,015	100%	100%	\$200,000.00

COUNTY ALLOCATIONS FY 89

(Based on \$400,000)

County	1986		1987		1987		Average %	Amount
	Population	%	Crime Index	%	Total Defendant Cases Reviewed	%		
Atlantic	206,318	2.7	23,103	5.7	6,638	6.6	5.0	\$ 19,740.00
Bergen	836,907	11.0	29,512	7.3	4,580	4.6	7.6	\$ 27,420.00
Burlington	382,462	5.0	14,423	3.6	3,664	3.7	4.1	\$ 17,095.00
Camden	493,553	6.5	30,097	7.4	8,288	8.3	7.4	\$ 26,830.00
Cape May	92,178	1.2	7,251	1.8	1,278	1.3	1.4	\$ 9,130.00
Cumberland	136,453	1.8	8,357	2.1	2,658	2.7	2.2	\$ 11,490.00
Essex	843,925	11.1	72,989	18.1	15,213	15.2	14.8	\$ 48,660.00
Gloucester	210,719	2.8	8,924	2.2	2,777	2.8	2.6	\$ 12,670.00
Hudson	551,790	7.2	39,295	9.8	10,683	10.7	9.2	\$ 32,140.00
Hunterdon	96,483	1.3	1,864	.5	656	.7	.8	\$ 7,360.00
Mercer	322,470	4.2	22,807	5.7	7,330	7.3	5.7	\$ 21,815.00
Middlesex	636,235	8.3	24,884	6.1	6,179	6.2	6.9	\$ 25,355.00
Monmouth	542,446	7.1	20,898	5.2	6,700	6.7	6.3	\$ 23,585.00
Morris	418,527	5.5	12,604	3.1	2,634	2.6	3.7	\$ 15,915.00
Ocean	393,604	5.2	16,902	4.2	3,475	3.4	4.3	\$ 17,685.00
Passaic	461,536	6.1	27,361	6.8	6,729	6.7	6.6	\$ 24,470.00
Salem	65,456	.9	2,359	.6	2,306	2.3	1.3	\$ 8,835.00
Somerset	215,199	2.8	6,480	1.6	1,231	1.2	1.9	\$ 10,605.00
Sussex	122,812	1.6	2,785	.7	650	.6	1.0	\$ 7,950.00
Union	504,658	6.6	28,040	7.0	5,639	5.6	6.4	\$ 23,880.00
Warren	86,599	1.1	1,875	.5	753	.8	.8	\$ 7,360.00
Total	7,620,330	100%	402,810	100%	100,061	100%	100%	\$400,000.00

COUNTY ALLOCATIONS OBLIGATED FY 90

(Based on \$400,000)

County	1987		1988		1988		Average %	Amount
	Population	%	Crime Index	%	Total Defendant Cases Reviewed	%		
Atlantic	208,542	2.7	24,933	6.1	7,508	6.3	5.0	\$ 19,750.00
Bergen	830,467	10.8	29,567	7.2	6,000	5.0	7.7	\$ 27,715.00
Burlington	388,129	5.1	12,667	3.1	4,133	3.5	3.9	\$ 16,505.00
Camden	496,318	6.5	28,701	7.0	8,074	6.8	6.8	\$ 25,060.00
Cape May	94,160	1.2	6,782	1.7	1,699	1.4	1.4	\$ 9,130.00
Cumberland	137,571	1.8	8,057	2.0	2,908	2.4	2.1	\$ 11,195.00
Essex	844,545	11.0	76,711	18.8	27,769	23.3	17.6	\$ 56,920.00
Gloucester	213,043	2.8	8,198	2.0	2,012	1.7	2.2	\$ 11,490.00
Hudson	547,196	7.1	41,310	10.1	14,026	11.7	9.6	\$ 33,320.00
Hunterdon	98,914	1.3	1,598	.5	781	.7	.8	\$ 7,360.00
Mercer	327,123	4.3	22,001	5.4	6,735	5.6	5.1	\$ 20,045.00
Middlesex	645,709	8.4	27,100	6.6	7,970	6.7	7.2	\$ 26,240.00
Monmouth	553,618	7.2	20,189	4.9	7,303	6.1	6.1	\$ 22,995.00
Morris	419,438	5.5	12,719	3.1	2,738	2.3	3.6	\$ 15,620.00
Ocean	402,998	5.3	16,715	4.1	3,948	3.3	4.2	\$ 17,390.00
Passaic	463,736	6.0	29,423	7.2	6,712	5.6	6.3	\$ 23,585.00
Salem	65,371	.9	2,079	.5	722	.6	.7	\$ 7,065.00
Somerset	221,628	2.9	7,062	1.7	1,515	1.3	2.0	\$ 10,900.00
Sussex	124,323	1.6	2,724	.7	760	.6	1.0	\$ 7,950.00
Union	502,468	6.5	27,839	6.8	5,066	4.3	5.9	\$ 22,405.00
Warren	87,227	1.1	1,987	.5	941	.8	.8	\$ 7,360.00
Total	7,672,524	100%	408,362	100%	119,320	100%	100%	\$400,000.00