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**CalVCP Hosts Rally and March in Observance of National Crime
Victims' Rights Week**

Second annual event recognizes victims of violent crime and brings together multitude of advocates

CalVCP kicks off the annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) with a "Victims' Rights Rally" on Monday, April 11th. The rally is intended to bring together several State agencies and advocates who are involved in protecting victims of crime, with a show of support and unity for California's victims. This year's theme is "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past."

Information about State resources and accomplishments that protect victims and the public will be shared by:

- Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency, Anna Caballero
- Assemblymember, Fiona Ma
- CalEMA Acting Secretary, Michael Dayton
- VCGCB Executive Officer, Julie Nauman
- San Bernardino County District Attorney, Michael Ramos
- CHP Field Office Chief, Jim Leonard
- Crime Survivor, Dave Wallin
- Bikers Against Child Abuse, California Founder, Don Betz

Following the Rally, participants will converge to the State Capitol for the "March on the Capitol" event which will feature speakers and a victim of crime resource fair.

When: Monday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. (media should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set up)

Where: VCGCB Headquarters - 400 R Street, Sacramento CA 95811

Why: National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2011 is observed April 10 – 16 across the nation by victims, survivors, first responders, advocates and communities. Celebrating 46 years as the pioneer in victim compensation and surpassing \$2 Billion in payouts, CalVCP's legacy of leadership is paving the way in victims' rights and services for other states to follow.

Last year, CalVCP received nearly 57,000 applications and provided more than \$97 million in compensation to crime victims. Through the program, victims can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including costs associated with funeral services, medical bills and mental health treatment. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.

For additional information about the Victims' Rights Rally or CalVCP visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.