



BALANCING THE SCALES FOR VICTIMS

CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL CRIME VICTIMS COALITION
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Did you know that in California 8 to 10 employees are battered every day while dealing with convicted felons? In just a few short years, the rate has climbed from 3 batteries to over 9 batteries a day. California prisons house over 160,000 convicted felons-some of the most violent in the world. Batteries against staff have increased to over 1,900 a year. At such a rate, can you imagine in the next 5 years how many state employees will be attacked and battered?

The **California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition** is the first group of concerned state employees that united together and formed a non-profit victim's coalition. CCCVC is a useful tool to help state employees after they have been victimized. CCCVC is an organization for all state employees and has no political ties to any group. Simply put, CCCVC is designed to help **ALL** employees.

In March of 2003, the **California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition** had its first membership drive at Lancaster State Prison. The response was overwhelming! We now have members through out the state. It is important to remember that any one of us can become the victim of a battery or violent crime in our communities.

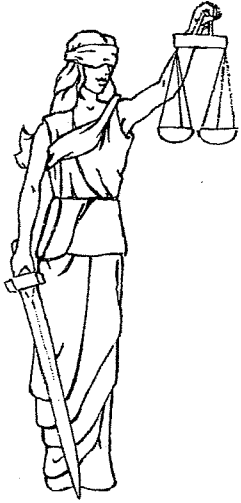
In 2005 CCCVC formed a sister organization, the **Crime Victims Coalition (CVC)**. CVC includes various law enforcement agencies and community victim/witness groups throughout California. Although over the last several years we have witnessed a drop in the crime rate and those statistics are encouraging, the human stories of devastating loss due to crime are often overlooked. More than 31 million Americans were victimized by crime last year. We need your help to ensure crime victims' needs are met. We must build a far more comprehensive network of resources that will help victims, victim's families, communities and our nation heal.

The **California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition** has established a network of attorneys to help assist you in legal matters. If you choose to pursue legal action against the perpetrator, CCCVC will pay for the filing fees in the appropriate court.

The coalition's main goals are to support all state employees' that have been victimized, uphold victim's rights, and to hold the offenders accountable. In addition, the coalition is working collectively with County Victim Witness Programs and various crime victim advocacy groups.

What can you do to help? Join the California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition and band together along with thousands of other state employees to make a difference. Please visit our web page at www.cccvc.org or call toll free (866) 357-9388 to learn more about CCCVC Through payroll deduction; you can become a supporting member of the **California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition**.

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California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition



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WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR YOU!

- **First** Non-Profit victims' organization created specifically for ALL Correctional Employees.
- **\$10,000** no-cause survivor death benefit for dues paying members
- Additional **\$10,000** no-cause death benefit available for Spouse or Significant other of dues paying members
- **\$500.00** children's endowment fund started for children under 18 in event of member's death.
- Provide a **5** day residential program for members suffering from severe critical incident stress.
- Help assist state employees and their families recover from physical and emotional trauma they may suffer after being victimized.
- Treat victims in a professional, sensitive, supportive and confidential manner.
- Refer members that have become victims of violent crimes on or off work to our network of attorneys for legal matters.
- Assist members with litigation against violent inmates.
- Make available to our members a consultation with a professional in debt consolidation.
- Offer a consultation with an expert in financial planning for your future.
- Monitor legislation. CCCVC sponsored its first piece of legislation in February 2004 with (SB-1613) for victim notification for correctional employees. This bill was carried by Senator Jim Battin.
- Offer statewide training seminars for dealing with victims
- California Correctional Crime Victims Coalition Newsletter sent to members.
- CCCVC web-sit for current information. www.cccvc.org
- CCCVC is recognized by CDC Office of Victims Services
- CCCVC is recognized by community victims organizations
- CCCVC is recognized by the California State Sheriff's Association
- CCCVC has received numerous victim service awards for outstanding contributions from local communities.

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