

Marsy's Law

On November 4, 2008, the people of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victim's Bill of Rights of 2008: Marsy's Law. This measure amended the California Constitution to provide additional rights to victims. Listed below are some of those rights:

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

1. The right to be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process.
2. The right to be reasonably protected from the defendant.
3. The right to be notified of court proceedings and to be present at all public proceedings.
4. The right to be heard at the time of sentencing.
5. The right to see and secure restitution.
6. The right to be notified of the conviction, sentencing, and release of the offender.

Crime victims may obtain additional information regarding Marsy's Law by contacting the Attorney General's Victim Services Unit at 1-877-433-9069 or visit <http://oag.ca.gov/victimservices>

Kern County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit



Volunteer Information

Join Our Team and Help Make a Difference

Volunteers will be an important part of the Victim Services Unit in Kern County. Volunteers may assist Victim Advocates by providing support to victims, answering questions and by assisting in the preparation of Temporary Restraining Orders.

About our Office

The Kern County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit is dedicated to ensuring the rights of crime victims are enforced and that victims have a meaningful voice throughout the criminal justice process.

We currently have 14 full-time victim advocates and a program director.

Duties for Volunteers

- Assist with screening of clients
- Assist with Domestic Violence Restraining Orders
- Special Projects
- Work at Outreach Events
- Attend Temporary Restraining Order Court Appearances with Victim
- Assist with Applications for Victims of Crime Compensation Program
- General Office and Reception Duties



Commitment

The Kern County Victim Services Unit will become dependent on its volunteers to provide the much needed services to victims of violent crime and their families.

Volunteers must be willing to commit to a minimum of six months, work at least 8 hours per week and complete and pass a background check. Participation in the victim services volunteer training program is mandatory.

How to Become a Volunteer

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