

WHO IS HELPED BY THE VCCB?

The VCCB attempts to mitigate the financial and emotional toll violent crime causes Alaskans and visitors to Alaska. The VCCB addresses the needs of innocent victims of violent crimes, the families of violent crime victims, and others who by virtue of their relationship to a crime victim incur losses. The Board considers applications (requests for compensation) based on violent crimes including homicide, assault in any degree, sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, child abuse and neglect, robbery in any degree, threats to do bodily harm, crashes involving intoxicated drivers (vehicles, boats, and airplanes), vehicular incidents in which a vehicle has been used as a weapon, arson, terrorism, hit and run and trafficking in persons. The Board does not compensate loss or damage to personal property except in extreme circumstances where the safety of a victim could be in jeopardy. In those instances, the Board may replace locks and doors, pay for emergency cell phone or mail box service, and/or pay for security system costs.

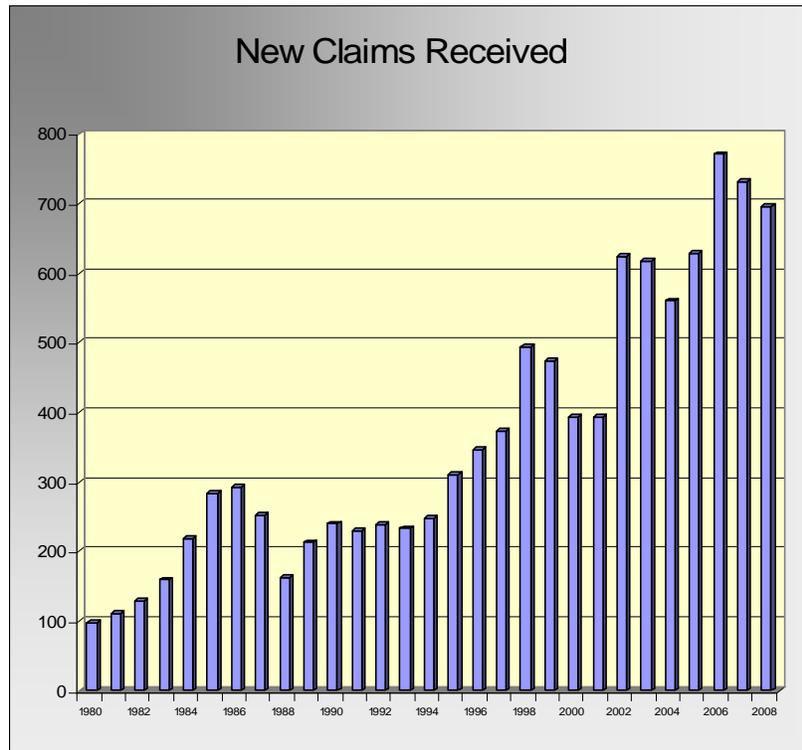
During this reporting period, the Board expanded available compensation to include reasonable (according to policy) crime scene clean-up and replacement of clothing confiscated for forensic investigations. The Board also expanded efforts to ensure equitable and fair compensation no matter where in Alaska the crime occurred or the victim lived. For example, if a victim or claimant meets eligibility criteria, requests payment for counseling and lives in a remote location without such services, the Board will agree to cover transportation, food, lodging costs, lost wages, childcare, etc.

The families of homicide and manslaughter victims can receive compensation through the program for funeral expenses, lost support, and other compensable expenses. Family members may submit copies of transportation and funeral cost receipts to the Board for consideration of reimbursement. During this reporting period, the Board managed 27 minor trust accounts most of which were established to provide annual support to minors whose parent or legal guardian is an innocent victim of homicide. Family members of crime victims may seek the compensation of compensable losses under AS 18.67, but the Board is financially unable to make any "pain and suffering" awards.

Persons who by virtue of their relationship to the victim have incurred reasonable expenses may also apply for compensation. For example, relatives of a minor child who is an innocent victim of an eligible crime may apply for compensation of expenses incurred as a direct result of the crime. Eligible relatives include spouses, parents, grandparents, step-parents, natural born children, step-children, adopted children, brothers, sisters, half brothers, or spouse's parents. The Board considers equally claims based on applications from Alaskans victimized in Alaska, Alaskan visitors victimized while in Alaska, and Alaskans victimized in locations without a crime victim compensation program.

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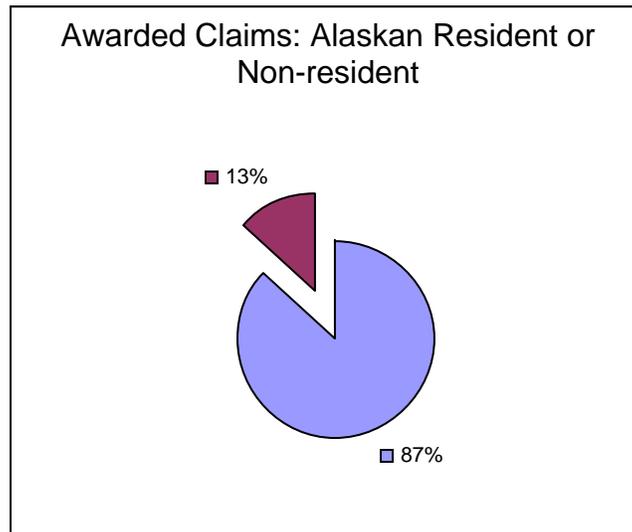
Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, under the leadership of the Board, the State of Alaska continued in its commitment to serve innocent victims of criminal violence who may have suffered physical injury, emotional and mental trauma and/or financial loss. The Board considers an ever-increasing number of requests for crime victim compensation. Since 1985, the trend has been for the number of applications received to increase each year over the prior year(s). The following table illustrates this trend:



■ New claims received

**VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD
AWARDS - 2008**

The following chart shows how the funds were paid out during this reporting period by resident and non-resident:



Claimants: Residents = 87% Non-residents = 13%

The Board receives applications for compensation from all regions of the state. The following table shows the number of applications received during the reporting period by location of crime.

VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD							
NEW CLAIMS RECEIVED BY LOCATION OF CRIME							
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Community		Community					
Akiachak	4	Fairbanks	48	Manokotak	1	Scammon Bay	2
Alakanuk	2	Fort Richardson	2	Mentasta Lake	3	Seward	10
Allakaket	1	Fort Wainwright	1	Metlakatla	1	Sitka	15
Anchorage	301	Fort Yukon	3	Mountain Village	3	Soldotna	24
Anchor Point	2	Fritz Creek	1	Napaskiak	1	Sterling	10
Angoon	3	Goodnews Bay	2	Naukati	1	Talkeetna	4
Aniak	1	Homer	4	Nelson Lagoon	2	Teller	5
Barrow	6	Hoonah	1	Nenana	1	Thorne Bay	1
Bethel	16	Juneau	27	New Stuyahok	2	Tok	1
Big Lake	1	Kasilof	4	Newtok	1	Trapper Creek	4
Cantwell	1	Kenai	29	Nikiski	6	Unalaska	1
Chevak	4	Ketchikan	5	Ninilchik	1	Valdez	3
Chickaloon	1	King Cove	1	Nome	2	Willow	2
Chugiak	1	King Salmon	1	North Pole	11	Wasilla	31
Craig	1	Klawock	1	Palmer	16	Yakutat	2
Delta Junction	4	Kobuk	1	Petersburg	1		
Eagle River	5	Kodiak	20	Pilot Station	1		
Eklutna	2	Kotlik	5	Saint Paul	3		
Emmonak	4	Kotzebue	3	Salcha	3		
		Total Alaska	694				
		Colorado	2				
		TOTAL	696				