

VICTIM ADVOCATE

A cooperative **grant-funded**
agreement between the Lompoc
Police Department and
NCRCCPC



Violence Against Women Act

- Lompoc's Domestic Violence/Crimes Against Women Reduction Program has effectively shown that a collaborative effort to address domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and sexual abuse through education, collaboration and investigation can improve the perception and the relationship between the community and the police.



History

- Grant has been in place since 1998
- Federally funded money attached to the Violence Against Women Act
- Advocate have worked directly with detectives to provide immediate services to victims of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and domestic abuse.



Several agencies benefited from this collaborative approach

- North County Rape Crisis...
- Domestic Violence Solutions
- District Attorney's office
- Others including:
 - Zona Seca substance abuse treatment
 - Lompoc Valley Healthcare
 - Santa Barbara Rental Property assoc.
 - LUSD
 - Etc...



Funding ended at end of 2011

- Council graciously agreed to continue funding through the end of the 2011-2013 budget cycle
- Current Victim Advocate has done an excellent job in this position.
- Services to victims have continued



Proposed costs to continue to fund the position:

■ Salary/Benefits	\$38,300.
■ Administrative Costs	\$ 4,440.
■ Federal Taxes	\$ 3,457.
■ Overtime	\$ 1,219.
■ Total cost	\$47,416 per year or \$94,832 for 2 year cycle

Other incidentals may add \$1,500. to this total, primarily to cover training costs



Not currently funded for
2013-2015 budget cycle.
Plans are in place to move
forward without the position
until directed otherwise




North County Rape Crisis...

- The NCRCCPC will continue to provide services to victims of abuse as they have done so well in their years of existence. Our commitment to them will not be affected.




Domestic Violence Solutions

 Domestic Violence Solutions continues to function well in Lompoc and provides the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) services to victims of domestic abuse.



District Attorney's Victim Assistance

 The Santa Barbara County Victim Assistance program has a staff person in Lompoc. This person works closely with the LPD detectives to ensure our victims receive the care necessary to work through difficult paths. DA Joyce Dudley and her staff are committed to this cause.



Conclusion

- Funding this position would allow the Lompoc Police Department to continue to provide enhanced services to victims of crime in our community.
- If the position is not funded, then the Department will continue to refer victims to NCRCCPC or other partners for support and services.



A special thanks to the
NCRCCPC for your years of
collaboration to benefit the
residents of Lompoc

Chief Larry Ralston

