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National Night Out

Sacramento, CA – Statement from Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP).

“We recognize today, August 5th, as [National Night Out](#), an annual effort to promote crime prevention awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. On the 31st anniversary of ‘America’s Night Out Against Crime,’ residents in California and across the nation are invited to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and step outside to enjoy the evening with neighbors while taking a united stand against crime.

“As a leading advocate of victims’ rights, CalVCP understands the immense toll that crime takes on victims and their loved ones. We also recognize that a safer nation starts at the individual and community levels. National Night Out provides an opportunity to build police-community partnerships and promote citizen involvement in the fight for a safer nation.

“Cities and towns throughout the country will be observing the occasion by hosting a variety of social events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, visits from local officials and law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events.

“For more information about National Night Out activities in your neighborhood, visit <http://nationalnightout.org/> or contact your local law enforcement. Tonight, let’s join forces with our neighbors throughout the country to facilitate constructive dialogue and inspire positive change.”

For more information about CalVCP services, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted more than 600 individuals each week, and provided nearly \$62 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.