

## **B 016 08**

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

#### **Continuing the Victim's Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Victim's Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee (the "Committee").

#### **I. Background and Need**

The Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended, established a victim assistance fund. The Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Public Safety has been appointed to administer and distribute the victims assistance funds provided to the State of Colorado. The Department of Public Safety utilizes the resources in the State of Colorado to address issues related to victims of crime and to provide recommendations on the administration of the victim assistance funds. In addition, C.R.S. § 24-4.1-117.5 provides that the Victim's Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee is an expanded membership of the Federal Victim's Crime Act Board. Pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 10601 to 10604, the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor and coordinate statewide standards with regard to victim compensation and assistance matters.

#### **II. Membership and Organization**

- A. The Committee shall consist of not more than eighteen members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Committee shall be composed as follows:
1. A victim's compensation board member;
  2. A member of a local Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement ("VALE") Board;
  3. A representative of a judicial district;
  4. A VALE administrator;

5. A victim's compensation administrator;
  6. A representative of a state or local legislative body;
  7. Two representatives from a statewide victim's organization;
  8. A judge;
  9. A representative of a victim's assistance program;
  10. A police chief;
  11. A sheriff;
  12. A district attorney;
  13. A victim of a major crime; and
  14. Four citizen members.
- B. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the Committee, who shall preside over official Committee meetings.
- C. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-4.1-117.5(2), a subcommittee of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor or until such member no longer serves in the position that he or she represents on the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall consist of the following:
1. A member of a crime victim compensation board;
  2. A member of a victims and witness assistance and law enforcement board;
  3. A representative of a local judicial district;
  4. An administrator of crime victim compensation from a district attorney's office;
  5. An administrator of victims and witnesses assistance from a district attorney's office;
  6. A judge;
  7. An elected district attorney; and

8. A representative of a statewide victim's organization.

D. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson of the subcommittee who shall preside over official meetings of the subcommittee.

III. Duties

The Committee's duties shall be as set forth in section 24-4.1-117.5, C.R.S.

IV. Directive

The Victim's Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee is hereby continued, without interruption. This Executive Order shall repeal and supercede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Victim's Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee, specifically Executive Order B 004 96.

V. Duration

The Committee shall continue in existence until December 31, 2012, unless it is either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this 13th day of  
November, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor