

Partnering with Other Agencies

Federal Resources

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE (OVA)

The FBI can be a valuable resource for you. Some of the services that the FBI can provide are:

- **FATALITY MANAGEMENT SUPPORT:** OVA staff includes a Forensic Operations Manager and other personnel experienced in victim identification, autopsy procedures, death notification issues and working with next-of-kin.
- **FINANCIAL RESOURCES:** OVA Emergency Victim Assistance Funds (EVAF) may be available for:
 - Emergency victim travel/lodging
 - Family Assistance Center support
 - Emergency clothing and toiletries
 - Repatriation of remains
 - Cleaning of personal effects
 - Crime scene clean-up

DEPLOYMENT OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

- Assistance with victim families located in other states - victim specialists are located in field offices across the country and may assist with direct services and death notifications to out-of-state or out-of-town victims and family members. They may also participate in planning and supporting local responses.
- Victim advocates can be sent to the incident site to provide victim assistance services – the FBI has victim specialists who are specially selected, trained, and have experience in mass casualty response.
- The FBI has clinical and medical social workers, a forensic operations manager, an operational psychologist, and an administrative and logistical specialist who are available to assist.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: The Lead Agency or Incident Command can request OVA support through the FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) or the FBI OVA Assistant Director.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)

Obtaining additional funds for victims and agencies that are providing services to crime victims: The Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds administered by the U.S. Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime provides post-incident grants to agencies for assistance to victims. The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice will work with local agencies in applying to the Department of Justice –Office for Victims of Crime to provide supplemental funding for victim compensation funds as well as funds to agencies to provide services to the crime victims.

STANDBY CALL CENTER: DOJ OVC maintains a contract for an emergency call center with a toll-free number that can be activated within a few hours to support local or federal agencies in the response to victims, including missing person's reports. The call center can support inbound calls and outbound messages with tailored responses provided by the responsible agency or agencies. Contact the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice staff and they can assist you in access this service if needed.