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**National Crime Victim's
Rights Week
April 26 – May 2, 2009**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an annual observance to bring the victim assistance community together to raise public awareness about victims' rights, protections, and services. This year's theme is 25 Years of Rebuilding Lives - Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act. National Crime Victims' Rights Week offers a chance to look beyond the headlines.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was passed by congress in 1984 to assist crime victims in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most visible outcome of VOCA was the creation of a Crime Victims Fund, funded entirely by surcharges on federal criminal fines, forfeited bonds, and penalties. None of the VOCA funding comes from the general fund or public taxes. These federal funds provide "victim assistance" funds to individual victim service programs and "victim compensation" funds through state and local entities to assist individual crime victims.

In the 24 years since VOCA was created, the City of Glendale has received approximately \$2 million in funds that have been used to provide emergency services to victims, which include food and clothing for crime victims, assistance with emergency medical needs and prescriptions, and scene clean-up after violent crimes. VOCA funds have also supported Victim Assistance staffing, supporting the City of Glendale's commitment to a level of excellence in victim services and victim support that might not have been possible otherwise.

For further details on this unit, please visit the website at

www.glendaleaz.com/police/victimassistance.

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