



VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION

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Division Overview

MISSION

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- To help mitigate financial losses that are the direct result of violent crimes that occur to Alaskans and visitors to Alaska

Current Board Members

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- Chairman: Gerad Godfrey
- Nora Barlow, Esq.
- Jeffrey Stubblefield (subject to legislative confirmation)

Administrative Staff

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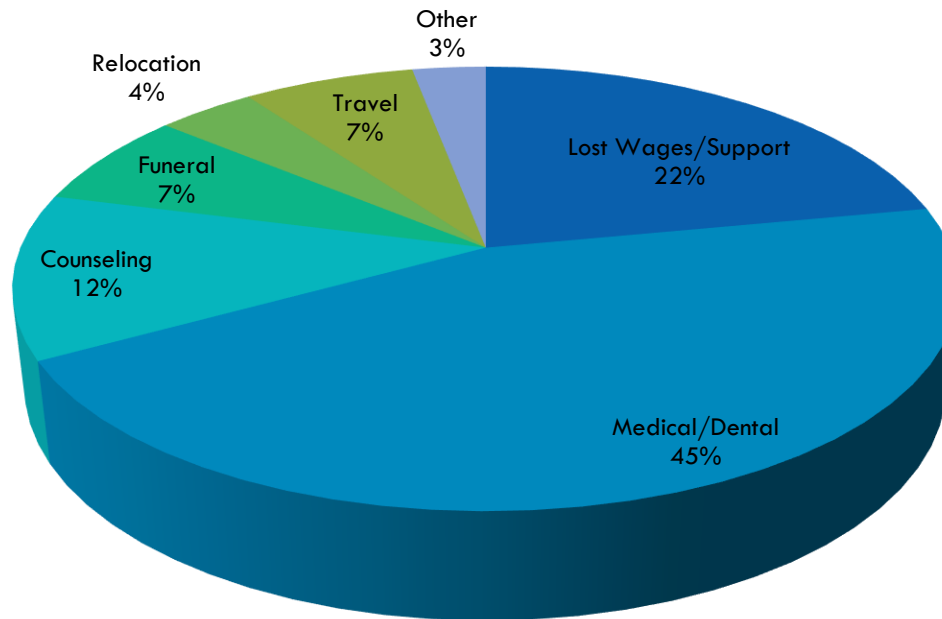
- 3 PFT staff members, located in Juneau
- Claims processing; investigation; recommendations; process payments

Expenditures in FY2016

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- Medical expenses = 45% total payout
- Negotiate all hospital bills over \$2,500

% Expenditures by Type of Benefit



OTHER TYPES OF AWARDS

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- ❑ Counseling
- ❑ Lost wages
- ❑ Loss of support in homicide cases
- ❑ Funeral expenses
- ❑ Relocation where safety or trauma is an issue
- ❑ Security measures
- ❑ Compensation for damaged property only where medically necessary or for safety reasons

FUNDING

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- Two main sources of funds
 - Permanent fund dividend criminal funds appropriated to the Crime Victim Compensation Fund.
 - Victims Of Crime Act (Federal Funds).
- PFD criminal funds based on fluctuating annual PFD amount and no. of persons deemed ineligible during appropriate year
- Federal grant amount 60% of prior year expenditure to victims - state funds only
- Each federal grant open for 4 years
 - FFY15 (\$390,000, expires 9/30/18)
 - FFY16 (\$575,000 expires 9/30/19)
- Receive modest amount of restitution, recoveries, reimbursements.
 - FY16 received \$73,000

FY 2018 Budget

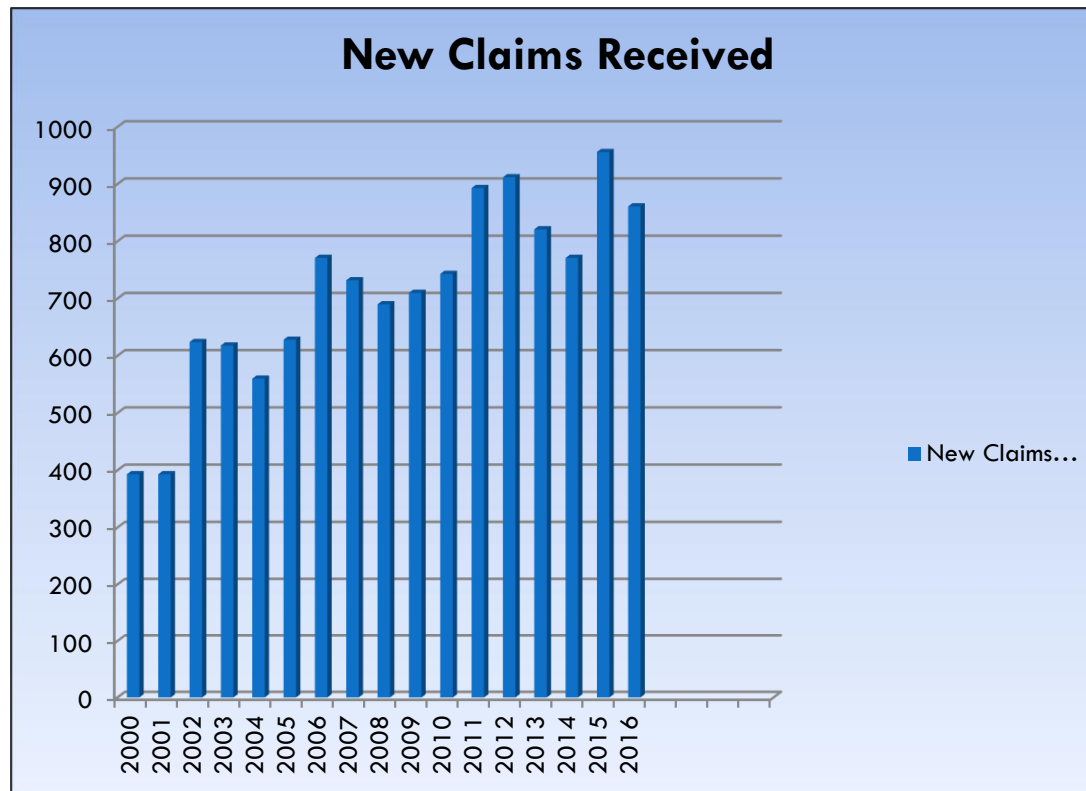
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- ❑ FY18 budget request \$2.5m
 - Funding Source:
 - \$1.5 Crime Victim Compensation Fund
 - \$1.0 Federal VOCA Funds
 - Expenditures:
 - \$0.5 Administrative costs
 - \$2.0 Benefits to victims

FY2016 Statistics

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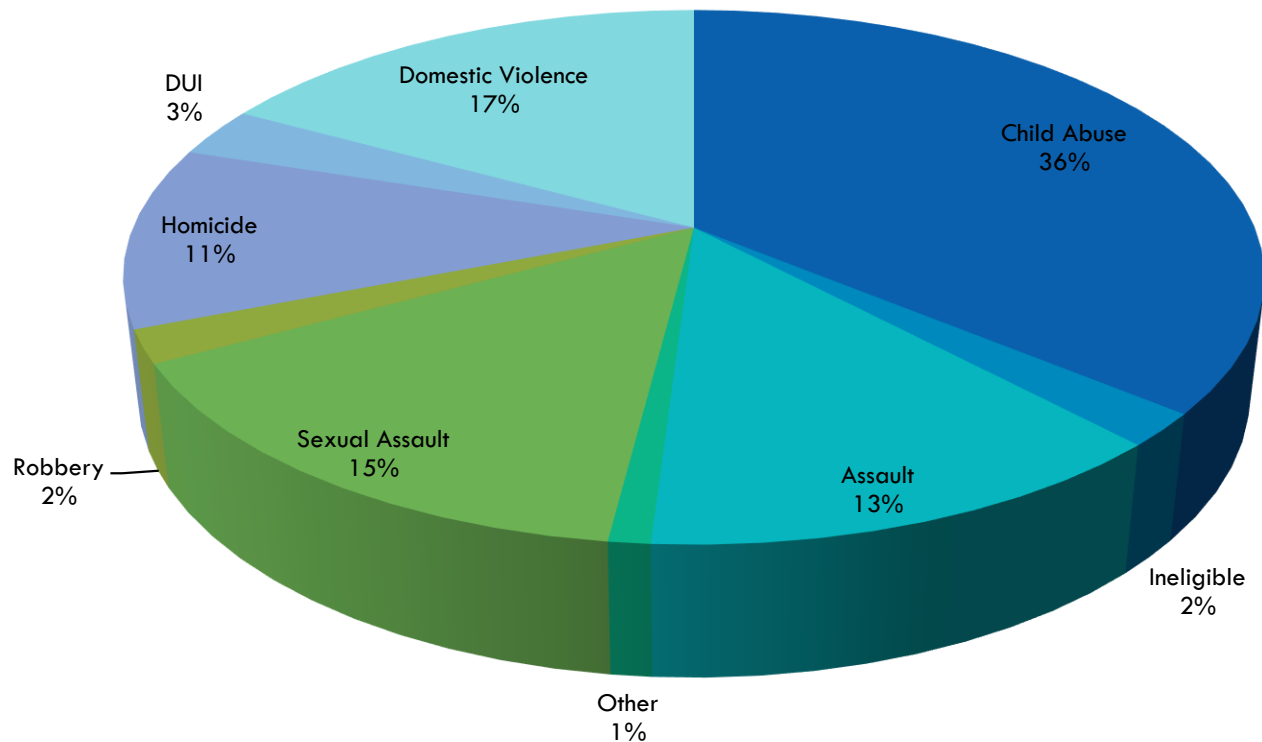
- Received 861 new claims, 99% from Alaska residents
- Total paid out approximately \$1.6m



New Claims in FY2016 by crime

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New Claims Received by Type of Crime



CHALLENGES

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- FBI figures for 2015 report 730 violent crimes per 100,000 population (Uniform Crime Reporting) – therefore not reaching all victims of violent crime
- Application process can be lengthy and paper intensive
- National concern re co-operation and reporting requirements (for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault)

INITIATIVES

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- Paperless office
 - Vendor/client online status look up
- Restitution
 - Consider ways to improve collection