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Board Recognizes Crime Victim's Rights Week

The Nevada State Contractors Board joined the Department of Justice and the Community Coalition for Victim's Rights by participating in an Agency Resource Fair at Clark County Family Court Services Center in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The fair showcased the services that are available to citizens of Nevada who become victims of crime. Board personnel distributed information to homeowners about dealing with contractors, ensuring that their rights as homeowners are protected, and how to avoid falling victim to construction scams.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 10-16, 2005) provides a nationwide opportunity for remembrance, reflection and awareness of victims' rights and services. The 2005 theme is "Justice isn't Served until Crime Victims Are."

2005 is the silver anniversary of the observance. It is dedicated to President Ronald W. Regan. President Regan declared the first commemorative week in 1981 and followed it with an executive order that created the landmark *President's Task Force on Victims of Crime*.

Other agencies involved in the local observance include:

The Rape Crisis Center
Stop D.U.I
Clark County School District Police
U. S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation
Safe House
City of Las Vegas Victim Witness Program
North Las Vegas Police Department
National Association of Latin Americans
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Families of Murder Victims

Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. The third offense is a felony. The Nevada State Contractors Board cautions homeowners to hire only licensed contractors to avoid unnecessary risk. For more information about hiring contractors while protecting homeowner rights, visit www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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