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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

The Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence, March 19-21 –

The task force will hold a public hearing in Miami to address children's exposure to violence in urban and immigrant communities. Chaired by Joe Torre, former manager of the New York Yankees, Chairman of the Board of the Joe Torre Safe at Home[®] Foundation and a witness to violence as a child and Robert Listenbee, Jr., Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, the task force will submit a final report of recommendations to the Attorney General later this year. To attend the hearing, visit: www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood.

OVC, IACP Release DVD Supporting Officers' Response to Crime Victims' Needs – The Office for Victims of Crime, along with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, recently released *Service, Support & Justice: Law Enforcement Response to Crime Victims*. The DVD focuses on enhancing law enforcement responses to victims and highlights the benefits, challenges and methods of prioritizing crime victims' interests and meeting their needs. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/ShoppingCart/ShopCart.aspx?item=NCJ+235307&repro=0>

National Crime Victims' Service Awards Registration Opens – Registration is now open for persons interested in attending the 2012 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony, on Friday, April 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, in Washington, D.C.. The ceremony sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, pays tribute to crime victims and survivors and honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service victims. The event is free and open to the public. To register, <http://www.ncvrvw.org/>

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