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For the purpose of this article:

(c) "Crime" shall mean an act committed by any person in the State of Maryland which would constitute a crime as defined in Article 27 of the [Annotated] Code [of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume)] or at common law, provided, however, that no act involving the operation of a vessel or motor vehicle which results in injury shall constitute a crime for the purpose of this article unless the injuries were intentionally inflicted through the use of a vessel or motor vehicle.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the following persons shall be eligible for awards pursuant to this article[.]:

(1) A victim of a crime;

(2) A surviving spouse or child of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime; [and]

(3) Any other person dependent for his principal support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime[.];

(4) Any person who is injured or killed while trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony[.];

(5) A surviving spouse or child of any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony[.];

(6) Any OTHER person dependent for his principal support upon any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony[.]; AND

(7) Any person who is injured or killed while giving aid and assistance to a law-enforcement officer in the performance of his lawful duties or to a member of a fire department who is being obstructed from performing his lawful duties.

(b) A person who is criminally responsible for the crime upon which a claim is based or an accomplice of such person or a member of the family of such persons shall not be eligible to receive an award with respect to such claim.