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PRESS RELEASE

On June 5, 2012 Kristie Thiel and the Nampa Police Department were recognized by the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victims Assistance. The award was received by Deputy Chief Craig Kingsbury and Kristie Thiel at the ICDVVA conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The award is presented in acknowledgement of innovation and implantation in serving victims of crime in Idaho. The award was for recognition of the "Hope Card Project".

The Hope Card is a laminated card, similar in size and shape to a credit card that contains essential information about order of protection. While not a substitute for a paper order, the Hope Card displays the order's most critical information in a durable, easy-to-read, portable format.

Elements displayed on the card include:

- Identifying characteristics of the offender, including a color photograph when available;
- Issue and expiration date of the order;
- Terms of the order, and;
- Local phone number for the officer to call to corroborate the information on the card.

The Hope Card Project was such a success in Nampa that the Attorney General's office is now in charge of the program so this resource is available statewide.

For information on the Hope Card Project you can contact Kristie Thiel at the Nampa Family Justice Center at 468-5742.

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About the Council

Our Mission

The Council's mission is to fund programs that serve victims of crime, and to help victims through legislation, advocacy, training, and public awareness.

Our Purpose

The legislature finds that domestic violence is an issue of growing concern. Research findings show that domestic violence constitutes a significant percentage of homicides, aggravated assaults, and assaults and batteries in the United States. Domestic Violence is a disruptive influence on personal and community life and is often interrelated with a number of other family problems and stresses. Refuge for victims of domestic violence is essential to provide protection to victims from further abuse and physical harm. Refuge provides temporary safety and resources to victims who may not have access to such things if they remain in abusive situations.

The Council serves as the advisory body for programs affecting victims of crime. We are a granting agency to programs state-wide for services to victims of crime. Funding sources include:

- Federal Victims of Crime - Victim Assistance Grant (VOCA)
- Federal Family Violence & Prevention Grant
- Idaho Domestic Violence Offender Intervention Grant