

22 agency interviews were conducted assessing the impact of the *Clarke* decision on policing's response to victimization.

Researchers found that the primary issue emanating from the loss of warrantless arrest in misdemeanor domestic violence by the *Clarke* decision is the safety of victims and their children.

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Recommendations to Improve Domestic Violence Response in Idaho

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Invest in community-based victim services statewide.

- New resources in areas without victim services
- Increase staffing, emergency housing, financial assistance, counseling & legal assistance.



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Invest in victim-witness units within policing agencies.

- New units in jurisdictions without them
- Increased staffing in existing units to allow for on scene response with officer on DV calls



Community-based agencies provide victim assistance regardless of contact with the criminal justice system.

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Funding priority should be given to community-based victim services when population numbers and/or prevalence rates don't justify the funding of both victim-witness units and community-based agencies.

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On-scene response by victim services.

On-scene response by victim services should be considered the standard practice of care when victims have contact with the criminal justice system.



Training on:

Accessing & providing services to victims when offender interference is likely.

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Invest in basic victim services trainings.

- Twice a year
- Held at different locations across the state

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Pass a constitutional amendment to reinstate the option of warrantless arrest for select crimes, based on their propensity for future physical harm.



e.g.
Idaho Risk
Assessment of
Dangerousness

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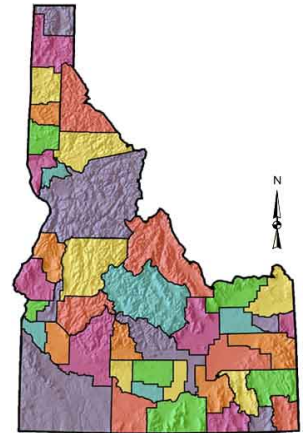


Use of on-scene assessment tools that provide information on possible level of dangerousness and/or lethality should be considered standard practice across all policing agencies.

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Mandate telephonic and electronic warrant availability across the state.



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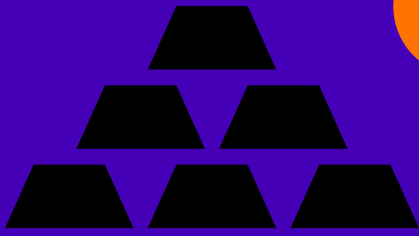


Institute a telephonic and electronic emergency civil protection order process for policing agencies.

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A 24-hour window of appearance should be considered standard practice when citations are issued for domestic violence and/or other related crimes.



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When domestic violence cases are referred to prosecutors for review, they should be triaged or prioritized to reduce delays in charging decisions.

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As standard practice while on-scene, police should directly connect victims to victim services.



As opposed to handing out materials concerning available services.

Training on:

- Use of on-scene risk assessments
- Alternatives for police response
- Investigatory skills specific to dv
- Trauma-focused approaches

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Invest in mandatory POST and CEU training on domestic violence.

IMPORTANT POINT!

Locations with established relationships and coordination across victim service agencies and the criminal justice system were better prepared to deal with the challenges that the *Clarke* decision has brought about.



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Establish coordinated community response teams or task forces in all counties.

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