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## Coordinated Community Response Teams

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Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Teams are designed to provide a multidisciplinary response to better assist crime victims. CCR Teams consist of prosecutors, law enforcement, victim service providers, and medical personnel. Team members use their skill set and knowledge to better support victims. CCR Teams provide increased community education and awareness, identify gaps in services, improve access to services, and provide victims with information on available resources. Many victims are unaware of the resources available to them; CCR teams educate and support victims on accessible resources. Most CCR teams focus predominantly on domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Teams emphasize the importance of helping victims to ensure they receive support and guidance through outreach programs. CCR teams focus on making victims feel safe within the community. Increasing offender accountability is also a top priority of CCR Teams.

The District Attorneys Council began funding for CCR Teams in Oklahoma in 2008 through a grant provided by the Office of Violence Against Women. The majority teams in Oklahoma operate under Domestic Violence Task Forces (DVTF). Oklahoma has 23 CCR Teams operating across the state; additionally, six other communities have expressed interest in starting a CCR Team. Each team has a mission statement and goals that help to raise awareness and reduce violence. Oklahoma CCR Teams also develop and implement effective practices for addressing violence against women. CCR teams focus on intervention through coordinating efforts with the community.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ok.gov/dac/>

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## 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week is observed each year in April. This year's theme, "30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice," will be observed the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Victim service providers, educators, and the public participate in activities designed to increase awareness of victimization and victims' rights.

The U.S. Department of Justice will honor innovative programs and individuals at the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. In Oklahoma, Crime Victims' Rights Day at the Capitol will be Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Other communities throughout the state will also host events in April, including:

- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Missing Persons Day at University of Central Oklahoma
- Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Iowa Tribe hosts Social Stickball to promote awareness initiatives
- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon

For more information about national activities, please visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>

### Upcoming Publications

Crime in Oklahoma, 2013

Arrest-Related Deaths, 2013

Murder in Oklahoma, 2013

Domestic Violence in Oklahoma, 2013

### Reminder

The Office of Criminal Justice Statistics can assist with statistics for grant applications or other research requests.

[www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical\\_Analysis\\_Center](http://www.ok.gov/osbi/Statistical_Analysis_Center)

### Victims' Compensation Claim Information

For information about the Crime Victims' Compensation Program, please visit the District Attorneys Council Website:

[http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims/Victims\\_Compensation\\_Program/index.html](http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims/Victims_Compensation_Program/index.html)

# Baker's Dozen

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Crime in the United States is captured by two programs: the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics; and the Uniform Crime Report (UCR), conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The NCVS collects data related to unreported crimes, while the UCR collects data for crimes reported to law enforcement. Select statistics from a recent NCVS bulletin are provided below:

1. In 2012, victims reported 44% of violent incidents and 34% of property incidents to law enforcement;
2. Persons ages 12 to 24 experienced the highest rates of victimization in 2012;
3. An estimated 26.4 million were victims of violent and property crimes in 2012;
4. In 2012, residents in urban areas experienced higher rates of victimization;
5. The number of violent victimization incidents increased from 5.8 million in 2011 to 6.8 million in 2012;
6. From 1993 to 2012, simple assaults made up approximately 70% of all violent victimizations;
7. Violent victimizations declined by nearly 11% between 2003 and 2012;
8. Males experienced higher rates of violent victimization (29.1) than females (23.3) in 2012;
9. In 2012, the number of serious violent crime involving weapons (1.4 million) were lower than in 2003 (1.7 million);
10. Between 2003 and 2012, approximately 6 to 8% of violent victimizations were committed with a firearm;
11. Property crime victimization rates increased from 138.7 in 2011 to 155.8 in 2012;
12. In 2012, the number of property crimes (19.6 million) increased to estimates comparable to 2003 (19.8 million);
13. For more information, please visit [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov).

*Information adapted from Criminal Victimization, 2012, bulletin (US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics: 2013)*

## *Mission*

*To conduct criminal justice research that enables the criminal justice community in Oklahoma to make informed policy decisions.*