

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 90-03

### Establishing the Office of Crime Victims' Advocacy

As a result of several recent striking brutal crimes in Washington Sate, the Governor's Task Force on Community Protection was created to review the current criminal justice and mental health systems.

During its public hearings around the state, the Task Force heard a strong desire to coordinate and enhance services to victims of violent crime. Legislation recommended by the Task Force would have created an office of crime victims advocacy in the Department of Community Development, along with a grant program to enhance community-based services. This recommendation was not adopted by the Legislature.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby establish the Office of Crime Victims' Services in the Department of Community Development (DCD), as follows:

- A. The director of DCD shall appoint an executive administrator for the office.
- B. The office shall have the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Administer grant programs authorized by section 1203 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6259;
  - 2. Solicit communities for suggestions on state practices, policies, and priorities that would help communities treat victims of sex offenders; and
  - 3. Review the organization of crime victims' services in state and local government.
- C. The office shall submit recommendations to the Governor for future crime victims' programs and their organizational location.
- D. Consistent with Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6259, the office shall expire on July 1, 1991.
- E. This Executive Order is effective immediately.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 28th day of February A.D., Nineteen hundred and ninety.

Booth Gardner  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Assistant Secretary of State