



# *The Virginia HOPE Card Project*

*The Hope Card Program allows anyone with a valid, long-term order of protection (issued in a participating county) for domestic violence, stalking and/or sexual assault to request a card that summarizes the order's most important details to provide law enforcement with critical information in the case of a potential violation of the order.*

## **HOPE Card Program FAQ's**

**What is a HOPE card?** The HOPE Card is a laminated card, similar in size and shape to a credit card. It contains essential information about a civil protection order in a durable, easy-to-read format, such as: • Identifying characteristics of the person being ordered to “stay away” • Issue date of the order • Expiration date of the order • Terms of the order

**Is a Hope Card a substitute for an order of protection?** No, it is simply a more durable means of providing pertinent information about the existing order. **Law enforcement still must verify the order in VCIN.**

**How much does a HOPE Card cost?** Hope Cards are free. You may request one card per protected individual. Additional card requests will be approved on a case by case basis. A maximum of (5) cards per order is allowed, unless additional protected parties are listed on the order.

**Who can get a HOPE Card?** Hope Cards are only available for long-term civil protection order holders issued in counties participating in the HOPE card project. Hope Cards are not issued for temporary protection orders, for 14-day protection orders or for “no contact” orders in a criminal case.

**Who manages the Hope Card program and how can I obtain more information?** The HOPE Card Project Coordinator, Jaime Clemmer, may be contacted for information about the card. To find out if your county participates contact your local JDR Clerk or the Victim/Witness office, or contact Jaime Clemmer at [jclemmer@vacourts.gov](mailto:jclemmer@vacourts.gov).



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