

# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Video Intake & Protective Orders

The Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (JDRDC) has partnered with Fairfax County's Mount Vernon Police Precinct and Fairfax County's Department of Information Technology (DIT) to implement a Police Video Intake process for issuing Preliminary Protective Orders for victims of domestic violence. Using software purchased through the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, VIA3, a video conference is arranged between the Victim, the Domestic Violence Detective, the Victim Witness Assistance Counselor at the Police Station, and the JDRDC Intake Officer located at the Fairfax County Courthouse. The victim is interviewed, an affidavit is prepared and electronically signed in support of a Petition for Family Abuse, and an application for the Protective Order is completed. The forms are transmitted through VIA3, and submitted to the JDRDC Chambers Judge immediately for consideration of issuance. The Judge's decision, signature, and the subsequent court orders are scanned into and transmitted back to the victim through VIA3. Use of the technology has been expanded to include juvenile video intake services for juveniles involved in delinquency. This effort allows youth who are determined to be suitable for release, to have their parents come to the nearby station and avoid the youth being detained because of transportation issues. Due the success of this pilot, the Fairfax County Police Chief has requested the video technology be expanded to all 8 district police stations. JDRDC Court Services supports the expanded use of this technology.

The Video Intake & Protective Orders project meets the primary objectives to improve citizens' access to the Courts, facilitate trials and hearings in the most effective and efficient means possible, allow for all three Courts to share common resources, and provide for flexibility and adaptability to incorporate future changes in technology and court proceedings.

For more information visit: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/courts/crto](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/courts/crto)



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