

Crisis Connection

The Local Cost of Domestic & Sexual Violence

How much did our local domestic & sexual violence perpetrators cost us last year? Periodically we update our readers on the cost to all of us of local domestic and sexual violence perpetrators. We base our cost estimates on the formula developed by the *Centers of Disease Control* and the *Family Violence Prevention Fund*. We report these estimated costs to you based on the cases CCI in fact worked with, we have no idea how many attacks there actually were locally during 2008. The FBI estimates that reported cases represent only 20% of rapes, 25% of batteries and 50% of stalkings. One final note, our estimated costs include medical and mental health care and lost productivity only...the true costs are much greater than these figures...police, courts, jail, probation officers, devastated children and on and on...

699 domestic violence clients x \$3,877.30 =	\$2,710,232.70
269 sexual assault clients x \$3,296.60 =	\$ 886,785.40
419 stalking clients x \$1,229.40 =	<u>\$ 644,205.60</u>
	\$4,241,223.70

Ask yourself... How much more are YOU willing to pay for some men's choice to brutalize others and destroy their children until YOU demand accountability? Anger management and AA are NOT the answers...we must all demand more...much more. Consistent sentencing, mandatory 24-week Men's Batterers' Intervention classes and confiscation of weapons would be a start. If we don't demand these cases be handled firmly, the perpetrators aren't likely to take their crimes seriously and the vicious cycle will continue.

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