

SAMPLE SART OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT OR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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This Operational Agreement stands as evidence of the commitment of the agencies listed below to implement SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) in this county.

It is hereby recognized that SART is an effective intervention method to ensure competent, coordinated, and effective intervention for victims of sexual assault. SART organizes interagency, multi-disciplinary response to SART for the benefit of the victim and the community. Each agency indicates their commitment to implementing and maintaining SART in the following ways:

- participating in SART planning and implementation;
- training patrol officers and detectives in the SART approach and by implementing first-responder training;
- training deputy district attorneys in the SART approach;
- establishing and obtaining training for the sexual assault forensic medical examiners;
- ensuring victim advocacy and continuity of care for survivors of sexual assault by involving rape crisis center advocates;
- involving the local crime laboratory in training sexual assault forensic medical examiners;
- ensuring coordination with the Victim/Witness Assistance Center to facilitate access to the Victim Compensation Fund, and other services;
- participation by all SART agencies in a monthly SART meeting to ensure smooth operations, problem solving and case review;
- development maintenance of a data base by each agency and a SART data base;
- a commitment to positive, constructive problem solving for the benefit of the sexual assault victim and the community;
- a commitment to effective case review to identify trends, themes, and system problems; and
- ensuring a culturally competent system of care especially including the planning and availability of interpreters.

Rape Crisis Center

Hospital or Sexual Assault
Forensic Medical Team

City Police Department

Crime Laboratory

County Sheriff's Department

Victim/Witness Assistance Center

County District Attorney's Office