

# Sexual Assault Response Collaboration

## Collaborative Agencies

Ramsey County Attorney's Office  
Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health  
Maplewood Police Department  
Mounds View Police Department  
New Brighton Police Department  
North Saint Paul Police Department

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office  
Roseville Police Department  
Saint Anthony Village Police Department  
Saint Paul Police Department  
White Bear Lake Police Department

## Highlighted Commitments

- Law enforcement will invite advocates to all investigative interviews with victim/survivors of sexual assault.
- Law enforcement will provide training for all patrol officers on sexual violence to promote a victim-centered response to reports of sexual assault.
- Law enforcement will conduct in-person investigative interviews with victim/survivors of sexual assault, following best practices for a trauma-informed approach.
- A better tracking system of sexual assaults will be created by law enforcement and prosecution so that cases do not slip through the cracks.
- Investigators and prosecutors will improve collaboration to increase numbers of cases charged in Ramsey County, bringing more perpetrators to justice.

## Background

**February 2016** | SOS Sexual Violence Services sponsors a day-long workshop on trauma-informed interviewing by national expert Russell Strand for members of the [Ramsey County Sexual Assault Protocol Team](#) (RCSAPT).

**April 2016** | [Start by Believing initiative is launched](#) across Ramsey County with leadership from the County Attorney, Public Health and County Sheriff.

**April 2016** | John Choi commissioned a [2-year study of sexual assault cases](#) in Ramsey County to improve reporting and system response.

**April 2018** | Ramsey County Attorney's Office released the [Ramsey County Sexual Assault Systems Review](#) which resulted in two new advocates for SOS Sexual Violence Services and two new investigators in the Saint Paul PD Sex Crimes Unit.

**Summer & Fall 2018** | Major media focus, including Denied Justice series, outlined gaps in Minnesota criminal justice system.

**December 2018** | Minnesota [Attorney General's Working Group on Sexual Assault released report](#) and recommendations on lapses in criminal justice response to sexual assaults.

**November 2018** | Meeting held with police chiefs, prosecutors and advocates of Ramsey County to address shortfalls in response to sexual assault. [RCSAPT](#) takes over coordination of these efforts.

**January 2019** | POST Board releases [Sexual Assault Investigation Model Policy](#).

**April 2019** | Ramsey County leaders make a public commitment to the Ramsey County Sexual Assault Response Collaboration: *Implementation Plan for Systems Change*.

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