

# Sexual Assault Response Collaboration

## Implementation Plan for Systems Change

Memorandum of Understanding  
April 4, 2019

As members of the Ramsey County Sexual Assault Protocol Team, the undersigned agency leaders renew their commitment to promoting and executing an interagency response to sexual assault victim/survivors that promotes consistency, respect and cultural competency. They recognize the integral part played by law enforcement and prosecution in addressing sexual assault in Ramsey County and commit to promoting a victim-centered criminal justice response.

The undersigned further acknowledge their responsibility to develop and implement policies, practices, and training to support the personnel in their agencies in fulfilling these commitments.

Therefore, the undersigned agree to implement the following improvement efforts outlined in the Implementation Plan for Systems Change. These efforts include:

- 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.

The undersigned agree to begin implementation on the improvement efforts within eighteen months of signing this Memorandum of Understanding.

Further detail and clarification of these improvement efforts are included in the *Implementation Plan for System Change* attached to this agreement.