

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MARCH 2019

The Shenandoah County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), a multidisciplinary collaborative, was formed in Shenandoah County to facilitate a coordinated community approach dedicated to providing appropriate care of individuals who have been sexually assaulted. Each agency indicates their commitment to implementing and maintaining this SART in the following ways:

- Committing to uphold countywide standards of practice to ensure consistent responses to individuals who have been sexually assaulted.
  - Develop protocols for coordinated response to sexual assault
  - Training the full staff of each participating agency in the SART approach
  - Assist and train other community organizations responding to sexual assault victims
  - Coordinate immediate response to sexual assault victims
  - Coordinate long-term response to sexual assault victims
  - Identify and implement systems' changes
  - Educate the community about prevention and build community awareness around the issues of sexual assault
- Providing equal access to services for all individuals regardless of race, ethnicity gender, sexual orientation, income, ability, language, age, religion or other personal characteristics.
- Developing and maintaining professional relationships through respectful communication and cross-disciplinary education among team members.
  - Making a commitment to positive, constructive problem solving for the benefit of victims and the community
- Participating in monthly SART planning and implementation activities to ensure smooth operations, problem solving and case review.
  - Developing and maintaining a database of contact persons for each participating agency
  - Developing and maintaining a database of SART team members
  - Collect & analyze data

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Shenandoah County Sheriff's  
Office

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New Market Police Department

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Probation & Parole

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Woodstock Police Department

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Virginia State Police

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Valley Health Forensic Medical  
Team

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Strasburg Police Department

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Commonwealth's Attorney Office

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Mt. Jackson Police Department

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Response