



**Mission:** *To promote a community-wide response to sexual violence by coordinating a multi-disciplinary team that will ensure victims receive comprehensive, compassionate care*

## **Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Law Enforcement Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Call to Order:**

Nicole Bishop, Director, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center (PBCVS)

### **Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests:**

Nicole Bishop welcomed all who were in attendance at the meeting and facilitated introductions.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved without any changes.

### **Ice Breakers:** What's your favorite dessert?

There was a mix of responses from our SART Law Enforcement members, some spoke about Cheese cake, Carrot Cake, Churros, Chocolate Cakes, Cookies and so much more.

### **New Business:**

#### *Rapid Response Team- Sergeant Juliana Martinez, PBSO*

Sergeant Martinez informed SART LE members that Detective Danielle Hirsch from Jupiter Police Department facilitated the Rapid Response Team meetings, however she is due to retire soon and is stepping down from her role. Sergeant Martinez has been working with the members of the RRT to see who is interested in becoming the new facilitator. The team meets quarterly to discuss all the rapids that have occurred in the quarter. The team is made up of Law Enforcement, the Medical Examiner's Office, the Child Protection Team, the Department of Child and Family; they meet quarterly to discuss issues, policy updates and create solutions. Sergeant Martinez encouraged members to please reach out to her if you are interested in fulfilling this role. Sergeant Martinez- [MartinezJH@pbsso.org](mailto:MartinezJH@pbsso.org) 561-307-4933

#### *SART Strategic Plan- Nicole Bishop, Director, PBCVS*

Nicole informed SART members that we are in the process of creating our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The first step in our process is to host focus groups with the various SART members. She stated that each group is instrumental in gathering and providing the necessary information needed to structure the strategic plan.

SART LE Members utilized the jamboard platform in order to conduct the focus group. Below are the questions that were asked to the group.

### **Yes/No Questions**

- Do you know the purpose of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)?
- Do you know what services are offered by Victim Services?
- Do you know the locations of the Victim Service offices?
- Are you aware there are SART protocols?
  - Do you know where they are located?

### **Written Response**

- What is SART doing really well right now?
- When responding to Sexual Assault cases and you are working with victims-
  - What have you noticed are gaps in services?
  - Have there been resources that you have found hard to come by?
- Over the next 3 years, there is likely to be turnover in all disciplines associated with SART.
  - What types of training need to be regularly offered?
  - What are some new trainings that could improve SART response?
- Relationships are crucial when working together to support victims.
  - How could we improve the relationship between Law Enforcement and
    - Advocates?
    - State Attorney Office?
    - Child Protection Team?
- What challenges arise when working with marginalized victims? In particular:
  - Non-English speakers?
  - LGBTQ?
  - People with Disabilities/hard of hearing/elderly?
- Have you ever worked with a SART or equivalent outside our county? If so did you notice anything they were doing that could be added to our response to benefit LE or victims?

### **Member Field Discussion:**

No Updates today

### **Next meeting date:**

SART General Meeting, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2:00pm-3:00pm

SART Law Enforcement Meeting, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2022, 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Thank you!**