

## Salem County Prosecutor's Office

### Sexual Assault Community Relations, Outreach Programs and Training Plan

The Salem County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Division has contacted every school in Salem County and every law enforcement agency in Salem County notifying them of the role of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) along with offering training to each member. The goal is to increase awareness and allow them to recognize and respond appropriately when presented with an incident of sexual abuse. These outreach efforts will continue and intensify in the next twelve months.

Members of the Special Investigations Division have attended wellness fairs and career fairs and have provided handouts on the dangers of sexting.

Our Forensic Nurse Coordinator, Toni Lou Cataldi, has provided SART training to the nurses and doctors at the Salem Medical Center along with the Inspira Medical Center of Elmer, where the forensic exams are performed. Sexual Assault Response Team pamphlets are available at each hospital site explaining the program along with contact information to activate the members of the Sexual Assault Response Team.

In the future, the members of the Special Investigations Division along with our Forensic Nurse Coordinator will contact community programs and provide them with SART training.

The members of the Special Investigations Division will continue to work collaboratively with Salem County Women's Services to provide a victim-centered approach to all sexual assault victims going through the legal process. Members of the Special Investigations Division currently sit on the Sexual Assault Awareness for Everyone (SAAFE) grant committee, headed by Salem County Women's Services. The committee is responsible for providing various outlets for public education within the community. Current examples are literature provided for Doctor's Office waiting rooms and emergency numbers posted in local bar establishments. Detectives will also accompany the Salem County Women's Services Advocates when teaching the Salem County student population about sexual assault awareness and will provide them with the necessary tools on how to report an incident of sexual abuse.