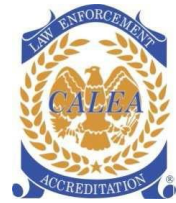




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TO: Chairman Jon Nelson, House Appropriations Committee, Human Resources Division

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How our partnership impacts survivors and their families

- When a sexual assault is reported, we activate a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). This multidisciplinary team includes members from law enforcement, medical professionals and advocates, responding together to ensure that victims of this invasive crime repeat the accounts of their experience the least number of times possible.
- This coordination ensures that evidence is collected, the chain of custody is followed, and evidence is preserved for prosecution, all while providing a trauma-informed response that gives victims the support they need.

What additional funding could do for our communities

- Law enforcement also supports the work of domestic violence and sexual assault organizations by responding to requests for welfare checks, providing police escorts in high danger situations, responding to security threats at shelters and offices when needed, serving and enforcing protection orders and much more.
- Related, our organizations count on the services of these agencies to provide safety, support, and guidance after our officers and deputies leave the scene.
- Through long-term support provided by domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, these complex patterns can be interrupted.