

Spector Criminal Justice Training Network *Presents*



Special Victims Investigator Course

University SVU Teams Are Encouraged to Attend!

Dates: JULY 20-JULY 21, 2026

Hours: 0830 - 1630

Hosted by: Suffield Police Department

Cost: \$ 249.00 per officer



The Special Victims Investigator Course is a two-day in-depth training course that provides investigators with an understanding of sex related crimes with an analysis of the needs and issues associated with the victim(s) of these types of crimes. This course will teach investigators to be victim centered, trauma informed and bias free in providing sexual assault victim survivors quality investigations as well as support to meet sexual assault victim survivor's needs. This course teaches the obligations and protocols of the members of University SVU Teams in their daily investigative actions regarding sexual, domestic, or physical abuse cases on campus, focusing on meeting the investigative needs of the case and the impact on the victim. Human Trafficking as it relates to a university's vulnerable population will also be discussed. Officers will be guided through the process by which the State's Attorney's Office builds sexual assault cases and the investigative evidence needed to attain the standard of "beyond a reasonable doubt" in prosecutions.



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Officers will be introduced to the detailed protocols and daily responsibilities of the SAFE/SART Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner and Sexual Assault Response Team. The Office of Victim Services will present on OVS programs and services, civil protection orders, and provide a brief overview of the impact of trauma on the brain, as well as information about available support services for victims.

Students will be taught a series of investigative actions and procedures with attention given to the victim, witness, and suspect interviews. The instructor focuses on incident details and the need to remain victim centered and non-biased throughout investigations. Additional information on LGBTQ+ sexual assault and IVP survivors will include a review of unique risk factors, basic definitions, and best practices for SVU officers. Officers will learn about date and acquaintance rape/sexual assault investigations. Also discussed are the intricacies of investigating and prosecuting cases where the offender and victim are known to each other. Explored are investigative dimensions involved when investigating sexual assault cases involving persons in a domestic relationship and pathways of gathering evidence and corroboration while providing for the victim's needs.

Best practices on development of search warrants and how SVU officers can assist in the process by properly documenting while conducting their investigations will be covered.

Who should attend this training? University Police First Responders, SVU Team Responders, Newly Assigned Detectives From Any Police Agency.

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