

FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM (FNE)/ SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

What is a Sexual Assault Response Team?

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is comprised of a Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE), a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA), and a Law Enforcement Officer. Together they form a multi-disciplinary, coordinated response to crimes of a sexual assault. All services of the SART are free of charge to the victim.

When is the Sexual Assault Response Team activated?

The Sexual Assault Response Team may be activated 24 hours a day / 7 days a week providing that the victim is 13 years old or older and the assault occurred within the last 5 days. The victim may activate any one member of the SART or all SART members.

To activate the SART, please call your local police department or the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office at 732-745-3271.

Children under the age of 13 will also have access to a Forensic Nurse Examiner by calling the local police department or the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office.

Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE)

The Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) is a forensic nurse certified in sexual assault examinations who will perform a medical-forensic examination of the victim. As part of the examination you will be offered medications, and be provided with information and referrals.

To activate a FNE please call your local police department or the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office at 732-745-3271.

Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA)

The Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA) is a trained volunteer who provides emotional support to the victim and can accompany them throughout all aspects of the investigation. All victims are entitled to a CSVA even in situations where SART is not activated.

To activate a CSVA please call the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment 24-hour Hotline at 1-877-665-7273.

Law Enforcement Officer An officer or detective who is trained in the investigation of sexual assault. The law enforcement officer will ensure the immediate safety of the victim and obtain information regarding the assault.