

Sexual assault is one of the most complicated crimes to investigate. Whether it is committed by a stranger or someone who is known to the victim, the crime of sexual assault presents unique challenges for law enforcement. One of these challenges is the frustration that investigators face when a sexual assault crime cannot be successfully prosecuted because of community attitudes and biases. The good news is that many of these challenges can be overcome with state-of-the-art techniques for successfully conducting interviews, collecting evidence, and writing reports that effectively present the facts of even the most challenging sexual assault case.

Are your officers prepared to handle these challenging investigations?

End Violence Against Women (EVAW) International is pleased to announce the introduction of the On-Line Training Institute (OLTI) for sexual assault investigations, which was developed with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The On-Line Training Institute brings state-of-the-art training on the topic of **criminal justice response to sexual assault**, with particular emphasis on those crimes committed by someone who is known to the victim (i.e., non-strangers). It was developed by a team of experts including sex crimes investigators, law enforcement professionals, and other experts in the fields of criminal justice and community response to sexual assault.



Enrolling is simple

Enrolling in the On-Line Training Institute is simple, and before you know it, officers can begin working through training modules on such critical topics as:

- **Dynamics:** What Does Sexual Assault Really Look Like?
- **Victim Impact:** How Victims are Affected by Sexual Assault and How Law Enforcement Professionals Can Respond Successfully
- **Preliminary Investigation:** Guidelines for First Responders
- **Law and Investigative Strategy:** What Kind of Sexual Assault Is This?
- **Interviewing the Victim:** Techniques Based on the Realistic Dynamics of Sexual Assault
- **False Reports:** Moving Beyond the Issue to Successfully Investigate and Prosecute Non-Stranger Sexual Assault

To see what we mean, we invite you to try out a free, introductory module entitled: "Effective Report Writing: The Language of Non-Consensual Sex."



"The training materials in the On-Line Training Institute are some of the finest that I have seen in many years. 'False Reports: Moving Beyond the Issue to Successfully Investigate and Prosecute Non-Stranger Sexual Assault' should be a mandatory read, not only for sex crime investigators but for prosecutors as well."

Sergeant Ron Waltman (retired), Sex Crime Investigator, Special Victims Bureau. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, also past President of the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association.

You can enroll in this introductory training module completely **free of charge, with absolutely no obligation** to purchase additional modules. This module is designed to help officers conduct a successful preliminary interview with the victim of sexual assault and effectively convey the investigative findings in a written report, which – as you know – lays the basis for building an effective case.

Beyond the free, introductory module, officers can also sign up for additional training topics for a **nominal fee of \$50 per module or \$200 for the entire track of six modules**. Certificates will be issued upon successful completion of each course.

With officers prepared to successfully investigate crimes of sexual assault, the law enforcement agencies in your community will be more effective and your community will be a safer place. **To find out more about the On-Line Training Institute or to register for training modules – including the free, introductory module on "Effective Report Writing" – simply log on to evawintl.org/online_training.htm**

Free training module

Remember, the introductory training module entitled: "Effective Report Writing: The Language of Non-Consensual Sex" is available **completely free of charge**. Even if you decide not to register for any additional training modules, we urge you to take advantage of this valuable, free tool to enhance the skills of officers investigating sex crimes.

Questions? Feel free to call us at **509/684-9800** or email **HelpDesk@evawintl.org**

"I highly recommend these training modules for any agency involved in responding to sexual assault. They reflect the most up-to-date material on the topic and exemplify best practices for the field. The depth of knowledge and expertise that went into the development of the On-Line Training Institute is clearly evident in the modules I have reviewed.

Sergeant Elizabeth Donegan, Sex Crimes Unit, Austin Police Department



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