

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SEXUAL ASSAULT	Date: June 18, 2018
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Authorization: Chief R.M. Brackney <i>Rm Brackney</i>	Follow-up Date: As Needed

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to assist sexual assault victims in a supportive manner, using appropriate victims services agencies to aid in facilitating the victim's needs, and to process crimes scenes in the most professional and proven manner to assist in the effective prosecution of said cases.

II. PURPOSE

Sexual assaults (rape, forcible sodomy, sexual battery, object penetration, and attempts thereof) are violent personal crimes that have great psychological and physical effects on the victims. In order to address this we will conduct coordinated preliminary and follow-up investigations of sexual assault and other related offenses.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department’s operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).