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***Investigating Sexual Assault: A Multi-Disciplinary Collaborative Approach***

At the conclusion of the session, participants will have an understanding of the:

- Various patrol responses to sexual assault and successful investigative strategies
- Responsibilities of the first responding officer
- Benefits of a multi-disciplinary response and promising practices
- Recognize how Sexual Assault Response Teams have significantly improved evidence collection
- The challenges and barriers to the criminal justice system and victim services collaboration
- Traits of collaborating teams
- Role of the advocate
- Guidelines for obtaining forensic sexual assault examinations for both victims and suspects
- Conclusions that may and may not be provided by forensic examiners
- The role of the prosecuting attorney
- Need to redefine a “successful” investigation