



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
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DATE: 12/05/2023

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE TARRANT COUNTY ADULT SEXUAL  
ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM BIENNIAL REPORT**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Tarrant County Adult Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) biennial report.

**BACKGROUND**

SARTs are coalitions of agencies that serve sexual assault victims. Membership typically includes victim advocates, law enforcement officers, forensic medical examiners, forensic scientists and prosecutors. Multidisciplinary SARTs work together to formalize interagency guidelines that prioritize victims' needs, hold offenders accountable and promote public safety.

On December 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137002, approved the establishment of the Tarrant County SART pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 351.252. Current members of the Tarrant County SART, as mandated by statute and appointed by the Commissioners Court, includes representatives from The Women's Center, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office, John Peter Smith Hospital, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, MHMR of Tarrant County, the Fort Worth Police Department, and the Arlington Police Department.

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 351.257, the Tarrant County SART is required to provide a biennial report to the Commissioners Court which contains the following information: 1) a list of response team members able to participate in quarterly meetings; 2) a copy of the written protocol; and 3) a biennial summary detailing the number of sexual assault reports, investigations, indictments, and cases where no indictment was presented or an explanation as to why this information could not be provided. The attached report must be presented to the Commissioners Court no later than December 1st of each odd-numbered year.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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