



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 11/21/2023

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE 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

SART 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 SART 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 SART pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 351.252. Current members of SART as mandated by statute and appointed by the Commissioners Court include representatives from The Women's Center, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office, John Peter Smith Hospital, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Tarrant MHMR, the Fort Worth Police Department, and the Arlington Police Department.

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 351.257, 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 report must be presented to Commissioners Court no later than December 1st of each odd-numbered year.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly Maxwell
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