



Sexual Assault Section

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Structure

Sexual Assault Section – comprised of 10 Detectives, 1 Civilian Analyst and 1 Civilian Admin Assistant.

A Sexual Assault Detective needs to have the following skills:

- Experience with complex investigations including working as a team in the Major Case Management model
- Well developed interview and interrogation skills, especially able to build rapport and trust with sexual assault victims
- Able to draft complex judicial authorizations, especially DNA warrants
- Ability to fully function at any hour of the day or night and able, when required, to pursue investigations for extended hours
- Remain professional while dealing with disturbing material and always sympathetic to those involved.



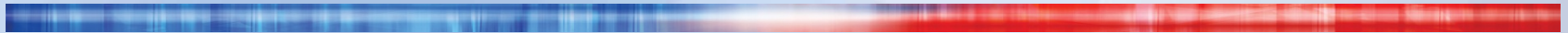
Mandate

Sexual Assault Section has a mandate to provide a specialized investigative response to sexual violence crimes against victims 16 years and older;

- Aggravated Sexual Assaults
- Sexual Assaults Causing Bodily Harm
- Sexual Assault with a Weapon
- Sexual Assault involving threats to a third party
- Sexual Assault where the person is party to the offence
- Serial Sex Offences
- Sexually Motivated Break and Enters
- Occurred in Edmonton but reported in another jurisdiction
- Sexual Exploitation of victims 16 to 17 years old
- Assist other Agencies
- Historical Sexual Assaults.



Reporting





Unfounded



Statistics Canada, Canadian Center for Justice Statistics (CCJS)
2018 definition of unfounded

An incident is “unfounded” if it has been determined through police investigation that the offence reported did not occur, nor was it attempted

National Average for 2017 = 14%

In 2017 EPS determined 9.2% of sexual assault files as unfounded.



Community Partners

The Edmonton Police Service is proud to work with the following community and government organizations.

- Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services - AASAS
- Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton - SACE
- The Center to End all Sexual Exploitation - CEASE
- Sexual Violence Police Advisory Committee - SVPAC
- Saffron Center – Sherwood Park Sexual Assault Center
- University of Alberta Sexual Assault Center
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Sexual Assault Response Team - SART



Questions?