Sexual Assault Policy Standards

- Dispatcher/call taker response
- □ Responding officer duties
 - Initial response
 - Evidence collection
 - 911 call
 - Drug facilitated sexual assault
 - Identifying/locating witnesses
 - Report writing
- Victim advocacy
 - Role of advocate
 - Protecting victim rights; confidentiality
 - Safety planning with victim
 - Resources for victims
- □ Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs)
- □ Forensic examinations
 - Exam for the victim
 - Exam for the suspect
 - Role of the forensic examiner
 - Communication between officer and examiner
 - Chain of custody
 - Reimbursement for forensic examinations
- Delayed reporting
- Drug-facilitated sexual assault
- **□** Follow-up investigation protocol; by investigator assigned to case
 - Interviews suspect, victim, witnesses
 - Suspect polygraphs and other interrogation techniques
 - o Custodial v. non-custodial interviews of suspects
 - Pretext phone calls
- □ Addressing possible defense strategies
 - o Denial
 - Mistaken identity
 - Consent
- □ Case decisions
 - o Substantiated
 - o Unsubstantiated
 - Unfounded/false
- □ Working with the prosecutor
 - Arrest and prosecution decisions
 - Evidence-based prosecution
- Victim classification
 - o Incest
 - Marital status (marital rape)
 - Gender (same-sex rape)
 - Age (statutory rape)
 - Disability