

Interim Updates to DGO 6.16 (Currently Active vs. Stage I Draft)

1. **Purpose Statement:** Now includes a trauma-informed approach, prioritizing community values and the well-being of survivors.
2. **Definitions:** A new section has been added.
3. **Policy:**
 - a. Policy statement has been revised.
 - b. The Juvenile Division has been dissolved; the Special Victims Unit (SVU) is now responsible for investigating all sexual assaults.
 - c. A trauma-informed approach has been integrated, ensuring the integrity of investigations and community safety.
4. **General Procedures:**
 - a. Initial response protocols have been introduced.
 - b. The notifications section has undergone significant changes ensuring compliance with current departmental protocols.
 - c. Forensic examination and medical treatment now cover both juvenile and adult victims. New regulations for SAEK collection and submission to the crime lab have been added.
 - d. Sections for victim and suspect interviews have been added.
 - e. The incident report section has been revised and synthesized.
 - f. Data collection and reporting procedures have been introduced.
5. **Legal Guidelines:** A new section has been added.
6. **Flowchart:** Outdated and removed.