**Partner Assault**

**Intake – Calls from:**
- 9-1-1 / 1st Responders
- OPS Call Centre
- OPS Info Desk
- External agencies, i.e. shelters, hospitals
- Anonymous callers
- Victims liaising directly with PAU Office
- 3rd parties/witnesses

**Case Manager:**
- Reviews report, assesses risk and prioritizes
- Assigns investigator
- If considered to be a “major case” such as an attempt murder, assigns a team

**Investigator:**
- Reviews report, assesses risk and prioritizes
- Addresses needs of victim and identifies any public safety concerns
- Contacts victim/witness for interview/statement
- Refers to VCU

**Investigator:**
- Evaluates all available evidence and determines if reasonable, probable grounds exist to believe a criminal offence took place

If no charges, involved parties are advised and provided with information on other resources

If yes, charges are laid Per Provincial Mandatory Charge Policy for Domestic Violence, charges must be laid where reasonable and probable grounds exist

Following charges being laid, Investigator:
- Prepares court brief
- Prepares for show cause / bail hearing
- May continue investigation
- Attends court proceedings
- Investigator or Investigative Assistant assists Crown, including preparing for prelim hearing/trial

**VCU Crisis Counsellors**
work 24/7 to conduct:
- Triage/assessment
- Crisis intervention and post-traumatic counselling
- Risk identification
- Referral to community resources

**Intake – Info received via four (4) methods:**
- On Scene via Officers
- Records Management System (RMS)
- Victims call VCU office
- Community Partners call the VCU office

**How VCU Supports Sexual Assault Victims:**
- Risk Identification
- Crisis Intervention
- Food/Shelter/Clothing
- Referrals to resources such as counselling
- Victim Quick Response Program

If no charges, involved parties are advised and provided with information on other resources

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Following charges being laid, Investigator:
- Prepares court brief
- Prepares for show cause / bail hearing
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**How VCU Supports Partner Assault Victims (same as sexual assault victims, but also):**
- Reviews Conditions of Release
- Participates on Partner Assault Support Team
- Arranges for two hours of Legal advice, referrals

**Following charges, the Investigator:**
- Prepares court brief
- Prepares for Show Cause/Bail Hearing
- Attends Court proceedings
- Liaises with victim
- Prepares for trial
- Prepares a ViCLAS booklet

**Sexual Assault**

**Intake – Calls from:**
- 9-1-1 / 1st Responders
- OPS Call Centre
- OPS Info Desk
- External agencies, i.e. CAS, hospitals
- Anonymous callers
- Victims liaising directly with SACO Office
- 3rd parties/witnesses

**Case Manager:**
- Reviews report
- Assigns investigator
- Determines if a public safety issue; if so, prepares a media release

**Investigator:**
- Reviews file
- Determines and prioritizes investigative actions
- If child involved, CAS notified to jointly investigate

**Investigator:**
- Contacts victim for video interview/refer to VCU
- Determines if the victim wishes to proceed

If no charges, relevant evidence is gathered and provided with information on other resources

If yes, charges are laid Per Provincial Mandatory Charge Policy for Domestic Violence, charges must be laid where reasonable and probable grounds exist

Following charges being laid, Investigator:
- Prepares court brief
- Prepares for show cause / bail hearing
- May continue investigation
- Attends court proceedings
- Investigator or Investigative Assistant assists Crown, including preparing for prelim hearing/trial

**Victim Crisis Unit Process Map**