

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **A Collaborative and Effective Response to Sexual Assault**

The Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre in collaboration with Victoria, Saanich and Oak Bay Police departments, West Shore RCMP, Ministry of Attorney General and the Vancouver Island Health Authority is pleased to offer a training forum. The primary focus of the presentations will be: the impact on the victim; investigative procedures; the collection of forensic evidence; drug facilitated sexual assault; and the elements of a coordinated, collaborative response.

Presentations include:

- ***Signs & Symptoms: Detecting Drug Use*** - Wayne Jeffery, Toxicology/Drug Consultant
- ***Forensic Interviewing*** – Sgt. Laurence Rankin, Vancouver Police Department (Polygraph Unit)
- ***Myths & Stereotypes and Rape Trauma Syndrome*** – Sally Gose, Manager, BeAnna Lynne, Clinical Counsellor, Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre
- ***The Sexual Assault Exam*** – Jan Calnan, Nurse Manager, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program
- ***Sexual Assault Team Protocol*** – Sally Gose, Manager, Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre & Sgt. Rob McColl, Saanich Police
- ***What Makes a Successful Court Case*** – Christine Lowe, Deputy Regional Crown Counsel & Catherine Murray and Laureen Nowland-Card, Crown Counsel

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Who should attend:

- Police Officers
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- Victim Service Workers
- Community Advocates and Counsellors
- Crown Counsel
- Policy makers

When: October 26 & 27, 2006

Where: Work Point, CFB Esquimalt, Victoria, BC

Cost: \$65.00 (includes lunch)

For more information or to register please call 383-5545 or email: [reception@vwsac.com](mailto:reception@vwsac.com).

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