DPS Announces Vendor for the Sexual Assault Evidence (SAE) Tracking System

Track-Kit by STACS DNA is a secure, web-based system that tracks sexual assault evidence from the time of collection through the various stages of the criminal justice process. Since 2014, STACS DNA has been collaborating with several state Sexual Assault Task Forces to develop Track-Kit. The system is highly configurable in order to meet diverse state requirements which allows for rapid deployment across any state. Washington, Michigan, and Arizona have also selected Track-Kit as their sexual assault evidence tracking system.

Track-Kit will be easily accessible via web 24/7 to all users. Each user will have their own secure portal – the medical facility, law enforcement agency, laboratory, prosecutor, and most importantly, the survivor.

Track-Kit will provide start-to-finish sexual assault evidence and inventory tracking to deliver accountability, transparency and information-sharing among all stakeholders. To learn more, please visit the STACS DNA website at http://www.stacsdna.com/products-services/track-kit/.

What is the estimated implementation schedule?
10/2018 – 01/2019: System Design & Development
02/2019 – 03/2019: System Testing
04/2019 – 08/2019: Training
09/01/2019: Statewide Implementation

What is DPS doing?
DPS will begin to work with STACS DNA on the customization of Track-Kit for Texas. Additionally, Crime Laboratory staff has:
- Drafted the Administrative Rules to support the SAE Tracking Program. The proposed rules will be submitted to the DPS Office of General Counsel (OGC) for feedback and guidance.
- Attended meetings with various stakeholder groups to promote the tracking system.
- Scheduled October demos of Track-Kit in San Antonio, El Paso, and Austin.

What can you do?
Are you a member of one of the following groups that has a role in sexual assault cases?
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and others who collect sexual assault evidence
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Crime Laboratories
- Prosecuting Attorneys
- Sexual Assault Advocacy Organizations

If so, the SAE Tracking Program is looking for meetings, trainings, or conferences to attend in the Fall of 2018 to promote the SAE Tracking System. Please use the contact information below to schedule a presentation.

Where can you find more information?
The DPS Crime Laboratory website contains updates and additional information about this program. http://www.dps.texas.gov/CrimeLaboratory/SAE.htm

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