



## Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking System

### Texas Track-Kit Specifications Finalized

DPS is working with STACS DNA to customize Track-Kit for Texas based on feedback received from different user groups around the state. DPS has approved the final system specifications and STACS DNA has started development work. The updated test environment should be ready for testing by early April and will be shared as soon as it is available.

### Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit

Texas A&M University, College of Nursing, Forensic Nursing Program is collaborating with the Texas Attorney General's Office to update the Texas Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit. DPS is also participating in this process to ensure the updated kit contains the components necessary for the Sexual Assault Evidence (SAE) Tracking System. The updated kits will contain a tracking barcode and information for the survivor.

It is estimated that the updated collection kits will be available for purchase from the vendors starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. DPS is currently working with STACS DNA to develop a plan so that agencies can utilize collection kits without barcodes in their inventory after the implementation of the tracking system on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### End User Training

DPS and STACS DNA are developing a comprehensive training plan to ensure all entities required to participate in the SAE Tracking System have the opportunity to receive essential training prior to implementation. From May – August, STACS DNA will provide web-based training sessions for each user group. Users will receive instruction related to tasks they will be expected to complete in order to successfully track evidence through the system. Exact training dates will be emailed to those on the SAE email distribution list as soon as they are available and will also be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter newsletter.



### Barcode Scanners

Since Track-Kit is a web-based system, users are not required to purchase equipment to utilize the system. While a barcode scanner may make data entry easier in Track-Kit, it is not required as the barcode will also contain the printed ID of the kit. Track-Kit allows the user to either scan or manually enter the kit ID.

To test if a barcode scanner is compatible with Track-Kit, first create a random barcode here: <https://www.barcodesinc.com/generator/index.php> After generating the barcode, click on it and print it from the new screen. Open Notepad and try scanning the barcode you just printed. If the kit ID appears in Notepad, then the scanner should be compatible.

If interested in purchasing a barcode scanner, users should be looking for high-density 1D barcode scanners which are also called keyboard wedge scanners. If you need assistance or have additional questions about the compatibility of a specific model or brand, please contact the SAE Program.

### Conferences

DPS will be promoting the SAE Tracking Program at the following conferences in 2019:

- Crimes Against Women: April 9<sup>th</sup> in Dallas
- Tarrant County Sexual Abuse Advisory Council (TCSAAC): April 25<sup>th</sup> in Fort Worth
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA): May 21<sup>st</sup> in San Antonio

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