

Individual Units within the Special Victims Unit

Special Victims Squads – Responsible for investigating reported sexual assaults involving victims aged 13 and over.

Special Victims Child Abuse Squads – These teams are tasked with investigating reported cases of sexual abuse involving victims aged 12 and under. They also address cases of physical abuse against children aged 10 and under, particularly when the perpetrator is someone legally responsible for the child.

Transit Special Victims Squad – Responsible for investigating reports of sexual assault occurring on all New York City subways and buses.

Special Victims Unit: Consists of Law Enforcement Response/Instant Response Tracking Desk, Compstat/Case Review Team, Nightwatch and Training Unit.

- **Law Enforcement Referral/Instant Response Tracking Desk** – Responsible for triaging incoming cases from diverse sources, including precinct and law enforcement referrals, hospital notifications, the rape crisis hotline, and family justice centers. This team conducts initial fact-finding and information gathering, subsequently assigning cases to the appropriate Special Victims Squad for comprehensive investigation.
- **Compstat/Case Review Team** – Responsible for compiling data on trending sexual assault complaints and preparing weekly reports. They review ongoing and past investigations and mentor new investigators through the Special Victims Unit's Mentorship Program.
- **Nightwatch** – Tasked with triaging and initiating investigations on special victim cases received during the overnight tour.
- **Special Victims Training Unit** – This unit is responsible for developing, scheduling, tracking, facilitating, and presenting various training modules for personnel assigned to the Special Victims Unit. Their goal is to ensure the highest standards of continuing education for all Special Victims investigators. Additionally, they assist with other Special Victims training initiatives across the Department and provide training to external partners.

Human Trafficking Task Force – This task force is composed of members from the NYPD Human Trafficking Squad, the Homeland Security Team, and the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Squad. It is responsible for investigating, identifying, and rescuing victims of human trafficking within New York City, as well as internationally and interstate. The task force addresses both sex and labor trafficking.

Sex Offender Monitoring Unit - S.O.M.U. – Tasked with providing a centralized location to receive, exchange, disseminate, and monitor information regarding sex offenders registered under the Sex Offender Registration Act and residing in and/or employed in the confines of New York City, and ensures offenders are in compliance with their registration requirements.

DNA Cold Case / Major Case Squad – This squad is responsible for reviewing unsolved DNA cases where new advancements in DNA testing may provide critical evidence to solve the crime. Additionally, they assist with investigations that require extra resources.