

# Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking in Fairfax County

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# Background

- ▶ Board Matter on December 2, 2014, directed staff to “assess and summarize current efforts to educate [on] and prevent cases of sexual assault.”
- ▶ NIP submitted March 2015 reviewed curriculum of FCPS Family Life Education, examined correlations from the Fairfax County Youth Survey around sexual violence issues and negative behaviors, discussed work being done on George Mason University campus, and highlighted state and national proposed legislative efforts, especially around college campus sexual assault.
- ▶ September 2015 Sexual Violence Task Force report developed 2 overarching Recommendations with 8 Goals and 13 Strategies based on the Fairfax County Change Framework.

# Definitions: Human Trafficking (Federal)

- ▶ In general, human trafficking is when people profit from the control and exploitation of others through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion**.
- ▶ The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2000; 2005) defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:
  - A. **Sex trafficking** in which a commercial sex act is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion**, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has **not attained 18 years of age**; or
  - B. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of **labor or services**, through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion** for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

# Definitions: Sexual Violence

- ▶ Sexual abuse
- ▶ Sexual assault
- ▶ Rape (date, marital, partner, stranger, gang)
- ▶ Rape during armed conflict
- ▶ Ritual abuse
- ▶ Incest
- ▶ Childhood sexual abuse
- ▶ Molestation
- ▶ Sex trafficking
- ▶ Stalking
- ▶ Voyeurism
- ▶ Dissemination of sexual photographs electronically (cyber harassment)
- ▶ Sexual exploitation
- ▶ Indecent/sexualized exposure
- ▶ Degrading sexual imagery
- ▶ Sexual harassment
- ▶ Etc.

# Budget Guidance for FY 2017 and FY 2018

## **Human Trafficking**

“As part of the FY 2017 budget, the County has replaced the federal grant funding supporting enforcement efforts related to the human trafficking issue. Staff is continuing to evaluate the way we combat this growing threat in our community. Ultimately, additional resources may be necessary, not only for enforcement, but also for victim services. The Board anticipates future funding requirements based on these staff recommendations.”

# Statistics and Trends

## FCPD

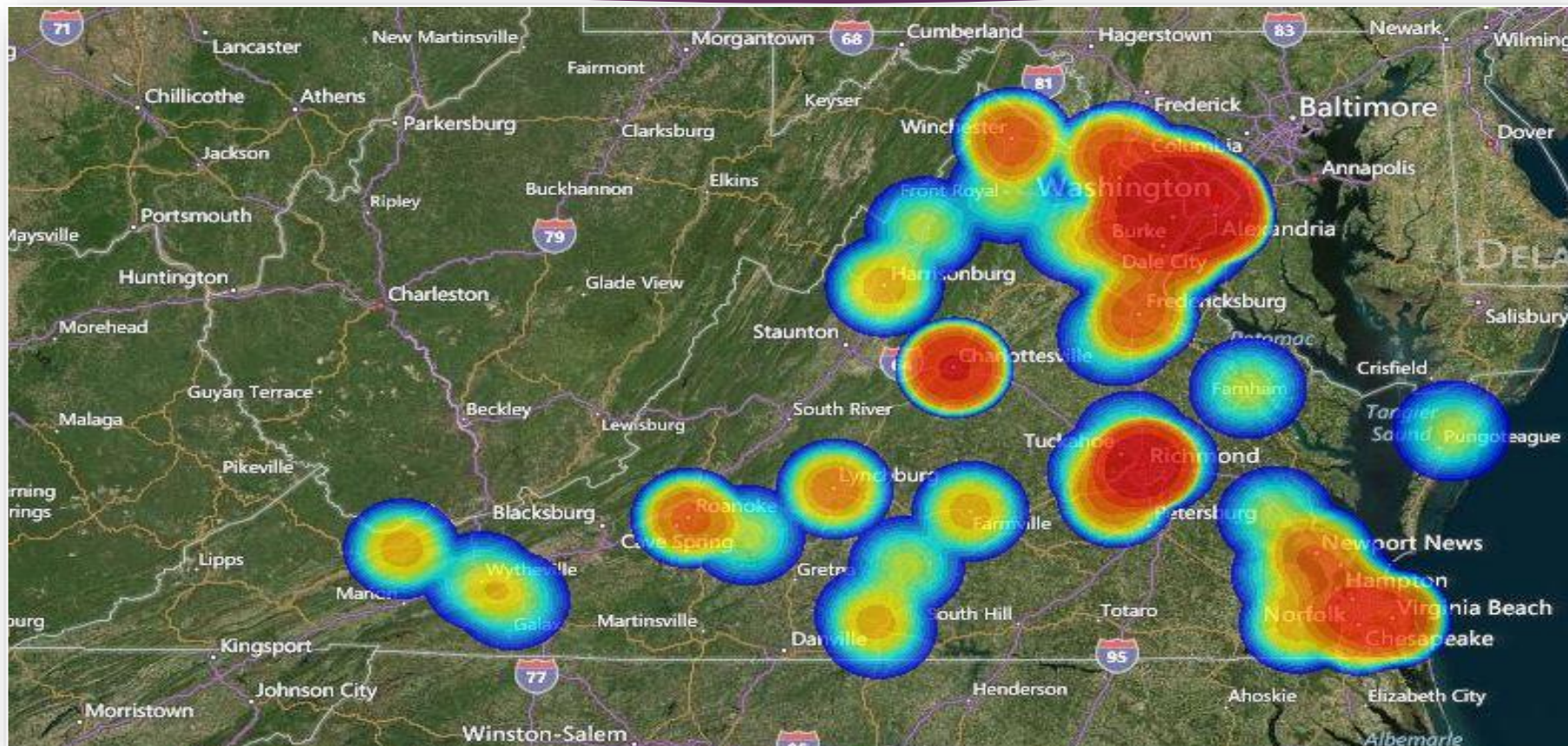
- 397 sex offenses were reported to the FCPD in Calendar Year 2015
- 6-8 victims of trafficking involved with FCPD in the past year

## OFWDSVS

- Hospital accompaniments up over 100% (17-37) from FY 15 to FY 16
- Serve 70-90 sexual violence survivors in our counseling services per year, including children
- There was a slight increase (5%) in the number of persons receiving services who presented as victims of Sexual Violence at DVAC (127 to 133)



# Calls from Virginia to the National Trafficking Hotline



# Existing Efforts to Address Sexual Violence

## OFWDSVS

- ▶ Hospital accompaniments for forensic exams
- ▶ Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline
- ▶ LAP Line
- ▶ Counseling Services for adults, youth, and children
- ▶ Advocacy services through DVAC
- ▶ Update policies & procedures



# Existing Efforts to Address Human Trafficking

## Fairfax County Police Department

- ▶ One Human Trafficking detective embedded within the Child Exploitation Unit
- ▶ Working on a team dedicating to child exploitation and sex trafficking
- ▶ Incorporated 4 hours of training in the Police Academy and offers internal and on-line in-service trainings

## Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

- ▶ Adopted a curriculum that OFWDSVS and Alexandria City Fire Department developed together

# Efforts in Other Agencies

- ▶ System of Care
- ▶ Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)
- ▶ Artemis House
- ▶ Fairfax County Public Schools
  - ▶ <http://justaskprevention.com>

# Efforts in the Community

## Salvation Army

- ▶ Creating a Human Trafficking Safe-house in City of Alexandria slated to open in 2017

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/combating-human-trafficking>

## NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVA HTI)

- ▶ Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative is a 501(c)3 faith-based organization whose mission is to connect the local community and law enforcement to eradicate human trafficking. Our strategy is to network, serve, pray, and create awareness to mobilize the local Church and community to make a difference in their own neighborhoods and ultimately, eradicate human trafficking in Northern Virginia.

- ▶ Higgins Hope

[www.novahti.com](http://www.novahti.com)

# Efforts in the Community, cont.

## Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force

- ▶ Founded in 2004, the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force is a collaboration of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, government agencies and nongovernmental organizations dedicated to (1) investigating and prosecuting those engaged in sex trafficking, forced labor, and closely related crimes; (2) identifying, rescuing, and providing services to victims of human trafficking, and (3) conducting training, community outreach, and public awareness efforts.

[www.nvhttf.com](http://www.nvhttf.com)

## Fairfax County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

- ▶ Meets one time a year as required by law

# Current Challenges

Several initiatives by several entities, however

- ▶ Limited coordination and information sharing
- ▶ Little partnering, collaboration, and/or sharing of resources
- ▶ Silo approach focuses on individual interest or compliance with laws/regulations

No real progress on Sexual Assault Task Force recommendations

- ▶ No one to coordinate efforts/assume responsibility

No equivalent of the DV Network and DVPPCC

- ▶ No coordinated community response

# Need

- ▶ Coordinated Community Response similar to Domestic Violence
- ▶ In alignment with your budget guidance, a civilian position similar to the County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator
  - To provide the coordinated community response needed for Sexual Violence & Human Trafficking
  - To manage existing resources and coordinate efforts across the system





Questions?