

Special Victim Support Team

SVC

SVCs are licensed attorneys whose primary duty is to zealously represent the expressed interests of clients in the criminal investigative and adjudicative process, even if these interests do not align with the interests of the government

Services SVCs authorized to provide:

(10 USC Sec. 1044e, & AR)

- Explain the military justice process
- Represent you during investigation, to include CID interviews
- Represent you during adjudication, to include prosecution and defense interviews, court-martial, and/or separation board
- Help you understand your legal rights as a Victim (see Victim's Bill of Rights)
- Explain and assist with obtaining protective orders
- Explain your resources/ support team and their roles in helping you: VWAP, SARC/ VA, Counseling, behavioral/ emotional support
- Advise/ refer to TDS when there is potential Collateral Misconduct
- Provide traditional legal assistance
- Explain potential for civil litigation, provide civilian attorney referral

Eligibility:

Sexual assault/ DV (not sexual harassment); SMs, DA civilians, and Dependents when military has jurisdiction over the accused

SHARP VA

SHARP VA (DoDD 6495.01 & AR 600-20, Ch. 7)

- SHARP VAs assist adult Victims of Sexual Assault and Harassment
- SMs victimized prior to service are eligible
- **24/7 response capabilities: (803) 543-3085**
- Crisis intervention, ongoing emotional support
- Information & referrals for: on- & off-post emergency medical and Victim support services, counseling, treatment
- Accompany Victim to interviews and medical examinations
- Assist w/ expedited transfer

ACS

Financial Readiness Program

- Comprehensive financial education and counseling services
- Emergency financial assistance



- Emergency Financial Relief
- Services referrals
- Advocacy
- Certified Victim Service Provider in Legal Assistance Office



- **24 hour hotline: (803) 771-7273**
(you can call if you are scared or having trouble sleeping after an assault)
- Hospital Accompaniment
- Crisis intervention – (short-term counseling focusing on immediate needs)
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Counseling referrals

SV/WL

- Coordinates between you and the prosecution team
- Provides information to victim on the offender's sentence, confinement status, clemency and parole hearings and release from confinement
- Coordinate/ assist w/ travel for hearings/ CM



TEXT: 55-247 (INSIDE U.S.)



Mental Emotional Spiritual

- Chaplain
- Moncrief Behavioral Health
- Pathways counseling
(Crisis counseling = immediate care)
- MFLAC - non-medical counseling for other life stressors

Friends/ Family

Certified Victim Service Provider (VSP)

- **South Carolina Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN) – fiscal oversight and management of five grant programs, including:**
 - **Financial Relief for Victims Program**
 - **Crime Victim Information Services System (CVISS)**
 - **Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV)**
 - **Faith-based Victim Service Program**
 - **Statewide Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Coordinator**
- **Certified VSPs can apply for emergency funds and transitional housing assistance on behalf of an eligible crime victim, as well as submit a referral for legal services**
 - **Emergency Fund covers:**
 - **Food needs, clothes, prescriptions, lodging, external home repairs/locks*, crime scene clean up, transportation (i.e., tickets to travel to safe location), damaged medical equipment (e.g., glasses, dentures, hearing aids), medical equipment needs (e.g., crutches), expenses to attend court, and towing/storage***
 - **Transitional Housing Program covers:**
 - **Rent**
 - **Security Deposit**
 - **Utility Bill/Payment**
- **SCVAN Legal provides information on the criminal justice process and crime victims' rights, offers consultations with staff attorneys, and can provide representation in criminal, civil, and magistrate courts for eligible victims**