

Factors that the Department utilized to determine staffing

The NYPD looks at a variety of factors when determining its unit by unit staffing. In the Detective Bureau, the Chief of Detectives adjusts the staffing needs of each unit that is under his direction. With respect to the Special Victims Division (“SVD”), the Chief of Detectives will look at:

- The number of cases that SVD received.
- The number of cases that are felonies or misdemeanors.
- The number of cases involving children.
- The number of open and active cases each detective handled, as well as investigative steps taken. (All investigators in SVD receive Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (“FETI”) training. A core value of FETI is to allow the victim of a sexual assault to determine the pace at which the investigation proceeds. As a result, a case may cease to be active at the direction of the victim, at which point the detective may take on different cases.)
- The number of cases involving a known suspect or an unknown suspect. (Cases involving known suspects are treated with the same seriousness and investigated with the same vigor as cases involving unknown suspects. However, cases involving an unknown suspect require additional investigative steps to identify, locate and apprehend the suspect.)

In addition to these factors, the Department will examine the number of investigative resources that are employed from outside the division. For instance, investigators routinely seek assistance from the Technical Assistance Response Unit to gather video, neighborhood coordination officers to do neighborhood canvassing, the Real Time Crime Center to provide analytical and investigative support, Crime Stoppers, and Community Affairs. The Crime Scene Unit supplements investigative efforts, via collection of forensic evidence, the Warrants Division will assist in apprehension of wanted perpetrators, Vice and Human Trafficking units augment investigations and all support our Special Victims Division.