



COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR)



Sexual Assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline but a serious crime which can deteriorate mental and physical health. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age. Consent shall not be deemed or constructed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent cannot be given when a person is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against perpetrators. Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological treatment with assistance from social services in a timely professional manner. Care will be taken to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victim safety is a priority - all necessary steps will be taken to uphold confidentiality.

Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via a Restricted or Unrestricted Report. Restricted report allows a victim to receive advocacy services, medical, counseling, legal services without notifying law enforcement or command. Victims can make a restricted report to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocates (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), or (Installation) Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line (760-577-6036). Unrestricted reports can be made to law enforcement authorities or command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP and the Sexual Assault Support Line.

Leadership is key to SAPR. Maintaining our core values of honor, courage, and commitment is imperative in intervening and preventing sexual assault. It is imperative that all Marines adhere to and be familiar with MCO 1752.5B.

Working to eliminate sexual assault from our Corps requires a dedicated community effort and the support of every Marine, Sailor and Civilian. I challenge each leader and individual to personally accept this objective. Our Marine Family deserves nothing less.

Semper Fidelis,

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