

9TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) POLICY



Sexual Assault is a **criminal act** that erodes our Command's cohesion, fighting spirit, and mission readiness. It contradicts Marine Corps core values and ultimately destroys trust. We will operate with **no tolerance** for sexual assault. Any Marine, Sailor, or civilian in this Command subject of substantiated misconduct or criminal sexual act will be held accountable. ***Marines will practice informed decision-making and leadership, on and off-duty, ensuring all mechanisms for reporting violations are available 24/7. All members of this Command will promote a climate free of sexual assault incidents with a personal commitment to active prevention through focused, periodic, and on-going training, coupled with impartial support and protection of victims as defined in Marine Corps Order 1752.5C Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.***

GUIDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

Leadership is key. Our Marines deserve leaders capable of informed decision-making, through knowledge of all available SAPR resources. Leaders promote prevention through annual and impromptu education and training, operational safety assessments of the garrison and field training environments, and an engaged on-going review of the climate and trends within their units and teams. ***I expect everyone to personally exhibit behavior, make decisions, and lead in a manner consistent with fostering our Marines' and unit's well-being and total readiness; actively setting conditions to create an environment free of sexual assault.***

Active Bystanders and Reporting. Identify incidents and intervene; immediately report all incidents of sexual assault. ***I expect everyone to take action, and to encourage and support reporting by all Marines, Sailors, or civilians. Victims should be confident they will not experience retaliation, reprisal, ostracism, or maltreatment.***

Protect & Support Victims. This Command is committed to ensuring victims of sexual assault are protected, and that their confidentiality is safe-guarded. Members of this Command will not conduct independent investigations, to include interviewing victims or suspects. ***I expect everyone to treat all victims of sexual assault with impartiality, dignity, respect, and sensitivity, and to empower victims to determine their own support and resource needs.***

RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS AND BYSTANDERS

- 9th Comm Battalion SAPR Victim Advocates
- MCB Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line, (760) 500-1707
- DoD Safe Helpline, (877) 995-5247, www.safehelpline.org

Help and assistance is free. All allegations will be completely and impartially assessed; those subject of substantiated criminal action will be held accountable.

Sustained Excellence - Be Ready to Fight, Take Care of Each Other, and Win.

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