



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE



MCO 1752.5C (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response) defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes a broad category of sexual offenses listed in the UCMJ, to include: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy, or attempts to commit these offenses.

Sexual assault is a crime! We will be as vigilant in our prevention of this egregious action as we are diligent in our response to it. We will also strive to promote an atmosphere of mutual respect and common decency. All allegations of sexual assault will receive a swift and concentrated response, ensuring their timely processing and attention by applicable agencies.

Victims of sexual assault will be provided with immediate medical, emotional, and psychological support services. The installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) will remain ready to facilitate the acquisition of services for sexual assault victims. Our battalion Sexual Assault Prevention Response Victim Advocate (SAPRVA) are always on call to provide support and assistance.

Preventing this heinous crime is imperative to maintain good order and discipline. We must all remain attuned to the indicators of an incident, prohibit their potential occurrence, and be prepared to rapidly respond as soon as an event becomes known. The prevention of sexual assault is the responsibility of leaders at every level to ensure the Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and Contractors of Security Battalion are able to work and live in an environment that facilitates mission accomplishment.

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