



Commanding Officer Financial Management School Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Policy

Sexual assault will not be tolerated, it is a crime incompatible with Marine Corps values. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators. It is our imperative duty to create an environment at Financial Management School where sexual assault does not occur, and where students and staff alike are comfortable engaging leadership to report instances of sexual assault or situations that could lead to sexual assault without fear of reprisal, ostracism, retaliation, or maltreatment.

Situational awareness and prevention are both critical to creating a sexual assault free environment. Active by-standers have the responsibility of intervening and providing help to those who may be targeted for sexual assault. By recognizing a high risk situation you can intervene, offer safety, distract the aggressor, and call for help. Intervention works best when more people are involved, so work with someone to prevent a sexual assault. It's okay to "check-in" on someone and ask if they're alright.

In any instance of sexual assault the victim remains the focus. To avoid the potential of re-victimization, I ask that we treat each case with discretion (strict adherence to privacy and need-to-know), with particular focus on the needs and wishes of the victim. Treat this trauma with the sensitivity, decency, and respect it deserves as the victims safety and rights are paramount. We can initiate a pathway to healing by providing the victim with the medical, emotional, and psychological support they need. Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:

A Restricted Report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotion/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made to the Marine Corps Combat Service Support School (MCCSSS) Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) (910-450-0586), Financial Management School (FMS) SAPR Victim Advocates (VA), healthcare personnel, DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or Camp Lejeune-New River 24/7 support Line (910-750-5852). In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and is not forwarded to law enforcement or command.

An Unrestricted Report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling services and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, healthcare personnel, as well as to the MCCSSS SARC, FMS SAPR VA, DoD Safe Helpline, and Camp Lejeune-New River 24/7 support Line (listed above). Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g. unit commander and investigating authorities).

All members of Financial Management School must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and intervene when necessary. If you are a victim of sexual assault or have witnessed sexual assault, contact one of the Financial Management SAPR VAs whose pictures and information can be found posted in both the FMS facility and FMS student barracks.



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