



## Financial Management School Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Statement



**Sexual Assault is an intolerable criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts Marine Corps core values.** Financial Management School's (FMS) goal is to eliminate sexual assault within our ranks and to assist those affected by sexual assault if one were to occur (MCO 1752.5C). In support of this goal, FMS must foster a professional work and learning environment where students and staff alike are treated with dignity and respect. This is imperative to our success. Through prevention-focused leadership, education, and training, the elimination of unprofessional behaviors that set the condition for sexual assault is achievable and is crucial to prevention and intervention. Every member of this command must clearly understand:

- 1) What constitutes sexual assault.
- 2) Active intervention techniques that can prevent a possible sexual assault from further development.
- 3) Sexual assault reporting options if a sexual assault were to occur.
- 4) Resources available to victims of sexual assault.
- 5) The consequences of committing sexual assault.

Any member of this staff who witnesses physical, sexual, or verbal assault must take appropriate action to stop the activity and to report it immediately to the chain of command. FMS must nurture an environment that supports the reporting of sexual assaults without fear of reprisal and guarantees immediate action. Victims of sexual assault must be treated with dignity and respect. To avoid the potential of re-victimization, discretion (strict adherence to privacy and need-to-know) and focusing on the needs of the victim are priority. We will treat this trauma with the sensitivity, decency, and respect it deserves as the victim's safety and rights are paramount. Unimpeded access to medical treatment, to include emergency treatment and mental health services, and all available resources are important to overcoming the physical, emotional and psychological impacts associated with sexual assault.

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), FMS Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (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 in conjunction with an official investigation. An Unrestricted Report can be made to the chain of command, law enforcement, or healthcare professionals in addition 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 FMS 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 FMS SAPR VAs whose pictures and information can be found posted throughout FMS spaces.

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