

## COMMANDING OFFICER FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION – EAST POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSUALT PREVENTION AND AWARENESS



Sexual Assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by threat, force, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when a victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual Assault is a crime. All allegations of sexual assault will be thoroughly investigated and prosecuted with strict adherence to policy and regulation. Victims will receive all available protections and will be offered all available services.

Sexual assault violates our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and the dignity, respect, and trust that is critical to our success. Every Marine, Sailor, Civilian, and student in the command is a leader and is responsible for the safety of self and all those in their professional and personal lives. Sexual assault shall be reported in accordance with the governing Marine Corps Order. Retaliation or reprisal against reports by any member of this command will be subject to disciplinary action.

To ensure strictest confidence in filing a Restricted Report, members should contact a Uniform Victim Advocate, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Chaplain, or Healthcare Provider. To file an Unrestricted Report, members may seek assistance from anyone in the Chain of Command.

All leaders are expected to become familiar with the contents of the current Marine Corps Order and understand their role within the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program. This program will be regularly briefed to all hands in order to ensure all personal are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Every Marine, Sailor, Civilian, student, and family member is the most valuable asset and top priority in the command. We will do our best to protect them.

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