



# Commanding Officer's Policy on Sexual Assault



Sexual assault is a heinous and shameful criminal act. I will not tolerate sexual assault within MTACS-18 – nor should any of you. It undermines mission readiness and unit cohesion and is a great departure from our core values. Each of us bears a responsibility to take aggressive action to prevent sexual assault or if appropriate, report it in cases where prevention fails. We must strive to eliminate sexual assault from our Corps while assisting those affected by sexual assault and ensuring that victims are treated fairly, with dignity, and without prejudice. All victims will be provided medical, emotional, and psychological services as appropriate.

MTACS-18 personnel will be familiar with MCO 1752.5C and the guidance published in its enclosure. There are two types of sexual assault reporting:

- 1) A restricted report affords the victim the option to make a confidential report to authorized individuals while receiving medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services. Law enforcement and the command are not notified. A restricted report can be made to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR-VA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), and the Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line. Additional confidential resources are your Healthcare Provider (HCP) and the DoD Safe Helpline.
- 2) An unrestricted report also allows a victim to receive the support systems listed above. Additionally, an unrestricted report carries with it an official investigation. Unrestricted reports can be made through a SAPR-VA, SARC, and the Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line. Additional resources include law enforcement authorities, the command, your HCP, and the DoD Safe Helpline.

I expect all MTACS-18 personnel to speak out against sexual assault and to take decisive, preventive action if a bystander to a potential sexual assault. Anything less would be contrary to our core values and a failure in our responsibility to one another.

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