



# **SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY**

## **MARINE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE SQUADRON 3**

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**Sexual assault is a crime.** It repudiates fundamental human dignity and is completely incompatible with our core values. It is an affront to the basic American principles we so bravely defend.

We must recognize that sexual assault is not simply the pursuit of sexual predators. It is a crime that is all too pervasive in our society. More often than not, it is instigated by alcohol consumption. The perpetrator is usually someone the victim knows. Oftentimes, a sexual assault allegation turns into a case of one person's word over another's.

My intent is to prevent instances of sexual assault in the squadron by eliminating unprofessional behavior that wrongly sets conditions that enable sexual assault.

Allegations of sexual assault will be thoroughly investigated. They will be handled with strict adherence to regulations and administrative and legal policies and procedures. We shall ensure due process for offenders and provide appropriate and sensitive care for victims.

We shall protect the victims of sexual assault from coercion, retaliation, and reprisal. Victims shall receive timely access to comprehensive medical treatment, including emergency treatment and services, and be treated with dignity and respect.

All Marines shall treat victims of sexual assault fairly, with dignity, sensitivity and without prejudice; ensure they are treated in a manner that does not usurp control from the victim, but enables the victim to determine their needs and how to meet them; and not identify them to the news media.

### **Your responsibilities:**

- Understand what constitutes sexual assault and why it is a crime.
- Understand the definition of consent.
- Know and understand your reporting requirements.
- Know and understand the reporting options (restricted and unrestricted), and the exceptions and limitations of each option.
- Know and understand the distinctions between sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other types of sexual-related misconduct.
- Know who your Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) is and be familiar with the resources available to victims.

***DO NOT ALLOW A MARINE TO GET INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY CAN BE  
THE VICTIM OR PERPETRATOR OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.***

**Key Reference:** MCO 1752.5B, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program

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