



MWSS-172 Sexual Assault Policy

Sexual assault is a criminal act that erodes the Firebirds cohesion and contradicts MWSS-172 and Marine Corps core values. Sexual assault does not make MWSS-172 a better unit, instead it destroys trust and hinders MWSS-172 from being able to execute our mission.

Every Firebird will work hard to prevent sexual assault. Firebirds will work aggressively to maintain a work environment that promotes mutual respect. Every Firebird is an active bystander and will intervene and then notify law enforcement immediately when witnessing an actual or attempted sexual assault.

Firebirds protect one another from sexual assault.

Every Firebird will be aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of perpetrating sexual assault. The MWSS-172 SAPR Program will provide comprehensive prevention and response services to individuals impacted by this crime and address behaviors that can lead to sexual assault.

The Service Member who was assaulted will have the decision if they want to report; however, all those who witness sexual assault will report to their chain of command. Avoid questioning a survivor of sexual assault about the incident unless required in the course of official duties to limit re-victimization, protecting the survivor's rights, and preserving the integrity of a potential investigation.

Firebirds report sexual assault. We do not look the other way when someone commits this atrocious act.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and the SAPR Victim Advocates stand ready to provide reporting options (restricted or unrestricted) as well as intervention support and support services to survivors of sexual assault. The 1st MAW SARC Mr. Willis May can be contacted at 080-1385-7186 or DSN 315-636-2938. Additionally, the DOD Safe Helpline is anonymous, secure and available 24/7 at 1-877-995-5247 or online at www.safehelpline.org.

All Firebirds will receive annual fiscal year SAPR training, facilitated by the authorized SAPR personnel and allotted the appropriate amount of time.

Simply put: Sexual assault hurts our mission and does not represent who we are as the Firebirds. Sexual assault is equivalent to an incident of friendly fire; We don't injure or harm the Firebirds to the left and right of us whether on the range, in the office, in the barracks, or out in town.

I charge all Firebirds to remain alert for indicators of sexual assault and to take action before irreparable damage. If an assault does occur, I expect proper reporting. We must protect our own and take care of each other.


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