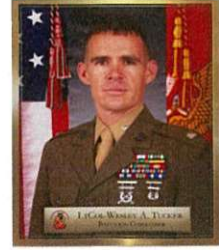




3d Intelligence Battalion Commanding Officer's Policy on Sexual Assault Prevention



Sexual assault is first and foremost a crime, and as such is not tolerated in the Marine Corps. These despicable acts erode trust, cohesion and unit integrity; they detract from our ability to do what the Nation expects of us.

Marine Corps Order 1752.5C (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response [SAPR] Program) **defines Sexual Assault** as, “*Intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It is not restricted to any gender, race, or age.*”

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, privacy, decency, and respect. Victims have the opportunity to report sexual assault in a restricted or unrestricted process.

- Unrestricted reporting is when an individual covered by this policy chooses to disclose, without requesting confidentiality/Restricted Reporting, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault.
- Restricted reporting allows sexual assault victims to confidentially disclose the assault to specified individuals (e.g., SARC, VA/UVA, Chaplain, Counselors, and/or healthcare providers), and receive medical treatment including emergency care, counseling, and assignment of a SARC and SAPR VA/UVA, without triggering an official investigation.

While sexual assault is not limited by gender, race, or age, there are trends within our Marine Corps that we should understand in order to prevent this crime. Alcohol use is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 are often the victims and the perpetrators. Personnel who are new to a unit, especially those reporting to their first unit, are at statistically greater risk of being victims. These trends are a harsh reality, so our discussions across the unit should address these trends in order to mitigate risks and take care of our Battalion family.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for both victims and their organizations. Appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators. All reports of sexual assault involving any members of 3d Intelligence Battalion will receive a timely and professional response. Please see the SAPR VA poster for contact information to report sexual assault or seek sexual assault related resources.

As a family, 3d Intelligence Battalion must do our best to educate in order to prevent sexual assault. It is imperative that we take care of each other and not allow fellow Marines, Sailors, or Civilians to be victimized, or to victimize another. While the assaulter is ultimately responsible for his or her individual actions, it is our job as leaders to do our best to prevent sexual assault from ever even happening.

Semper Fidelis,

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