



**MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER
BRIDGEPORT, CA**

**Commanding Officer's Policy on Sexual Assault Prevention and
Response**
"Mission Excellence Through People"



"Sexual Assault is a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts Marine Corps core values, every Marine shall be aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of such behavior." – MCO 1752.5c

Sexual assault is illegal, immoral, and intolerable.

Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault is not tolerated within the United States Marine Corps or the United States Navy. Committing sexual assault is a crime, and perpetrator(s) will be held accountable. It is every Marine and Sailor's duty within Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) to protect their fellow naval member and civilian personnel in order to prevent incidents of sexual assault. Failure to report or to ignore sexual assault incidents has damaging consequences for the victim, the unit, and the Corps.

The safety of the victim is paramount. Victims are treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect. They will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological care. Care is given to ensure the identity of the victim is released only to the appropriate personnel. Victims have the choice of making a Restricted or Unrestricted report. Those who choose to make a restricted report will have their choice honored to the fullest extent. Command leadership and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program extend confidence and respect to the victim's personal safety.

The use of alcohol is often cited as a prominent risk factor in sexual assault incidents. The irresponsible use of alcohol increases the risk to Marines and Sailors towards becoming a sexual assault perpetrator or victim. MWTC Marines and Sailors take care of each other; they use the Buddy System; they do not allow a fellow Marine, Sailor, or civilian to become a victim or end their career as a convicted sexual offender.

Leaders at all levels will familiarize themselves with Marine Corps Order 1752.5c on SAPR Program. Sexual assault is contradictory to the core values we embrace. We shall dedicate ourselves to eliminating sexual assault within our ranks!

For immediate assistance, contact:

**Twentynine Palms MCAGCC 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (760) 799-0273; or
DoD Safe Helpline (877) 995-5247. Our command SARC is 1stLt Madalyn Hunt who
can be reached at 760-932-1591.**

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. D. Storer".

**R. D. STORER
COMMANDING OFFICER**