



MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

Commanding Officer's Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



Sexual assault is a grave violation that erodes the very fabric of our unit cohesion and stands in direct opposition to the core values of the Marine Corps. At the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, we are committed to creating an environment where every Marine and Sailor feels safe, respected, and valued.

Sexual assault is defined as any intentional sexual contact that occurs without consent or through the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority. Such actions are illegal, immoral, and intolerable within our ranks. Those who commit these acts will be fully held accountable.

The safety and well-being of our personnel are paramount. Victims of sexual assault will be treated with the utmost sensitivity, dignity, and respect. We provide comprehensive support through our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program, including medical care, counseling, and legal advocacy. Victims have the option to make either a Restricted or Unrestricted report, allowing them to choose the level of confidentiality and involvement of the Chain of Command.

Leaders at all levels must be vigilant in preventing sexual assault and supporting victims. Familiarity with the Marine Corps Order on the SAPR program is essential. Leaders will foster a climate where sexual assault is not tolerated and where victims feel safe to come forward without fear of reprisal.

Preventive measures are a critical component of our approach. The irresponsible use of alcohol is often a risk factor in sexual assault incidents. We must look out for one another, use the Buddy System, and intervene when necessary to prevent potential assaults. Our commitment to each other extends beyond the battlefield and training areas to every aspect of our lives. It is our moral duty to protect each other and those in need.

In conclusion, sexual assault has no place in the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. We must all work together to eliminate any notion of this behavior or crime from our ranks, ensuring a safe and supportive environment so the entire unit can focus our efforts on team, family, and Mountain Warfare.

For immediate assistance, contact:
Twentynine Palms MCAGCC 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line: 760-799-0273
DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247

Our command Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Captain Hunt, and the unit Sexual Assault Prevention and Response coordinators are also available to provide support and guidance at 760-590-2378.

Semper Fidelis,

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J. T. DOAN
COMMANDING OFFICER