



MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

Commanding Officer's Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) demands the highest standards of professionalism, discipline, and mutual respect. Sexual assault and sexual harassment are incompatible with our values, corrosive to trust, and destructive to unit cohesion and combat readiness. They will not be tolerated in any form, under any circumstance, or in any environment. Every Marine, Sailor, and civilian assigned to this command has the right to work, train, and live in an environment free from abuse, coercion, intimidation, and exploitation. At this remote and demanding installation, where small teams operate in austere conditions and rely heavily on one another, trust is not optional - it is essential. Any violation of that trust undermines the mission and the profession.

Prevention begins with leadership. Commanders, officers, staff noncommissioned officers, and civilian supervisors are responsible for setting the tone, enforcing standards, and intervening early when behavior falls short. Leaders will know their Marines, understand the dynamics of their teams, and actively address conduct that erodes dignity or respect. Silence, indifference, or inaction in the face of misconduct is unacceptable. All personnel are expected to treat one another with professionalism on duty, off duty, in garrison, in the field, and during travel. Alcohol, rank, position, or social relationships do not excuse misconduct. Consent must be informed, voluntary, and freely given. Anything less is unacceptable and unlawful.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. This command will provide immediate access to medical care, advocacy services, legal support, and confidential reporting options. Retaliation against victims, witnesses, or those who report misconduct will not be tolerated and will be addressed swiftly and decisively. Reporting misconduct is an act of professionalism and courage. Marines and Sailors who come forward protect their teammates and strengthen this command. Leaders will ensure reporting channels are accessible, understood, and protected from interference.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocates, medical personnel, legal advisors, chaplains, and commanders form a coordinated support network to ensure victims receive comprehensive care and that allegations are investigated thoroughly and fairly. Our mission demands disciplined, ethical, and trustworthy leaders and teammates. Each member of this command is responsible for maintaining an environment where dignity, respect, and accountability are the standard. Together, we will uphold the values of our Corps and preserve the integrity of MCMWTC.

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), Gunnery Sergeant Ruiz, 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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C. E. LOOMIS JR.
COMMANDING OFFICER