



**Commanding Officer
Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island**

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY

Sexual assault is a crime that is not restricted to any gender, race, spousal relationship, or age. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault is a complete contradiction to our core values. Acts of sexual assault destroy our confidence in one another and degrade unit readiness and overall personnel effectiveness. Eliminating sexual assault takes a community effort and bystander intervention. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors, Civilians and family members deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents is unacceptable. Legal or administrative action shall be taken against violators. Leaders at all levels shall become familiar with Marine Corps Order 1 752.5B and pay close attention to appendix C, the Commanders' Protocol for Responding to Allegations of Sexual Assaults.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with dignity and respect. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released to those who have a need to know (i.e., commander, SARC, or NCIS). Victims who choose to make a restricted report in accordance with the reference will have that choice honored. Those who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety is protected and they will not be re-victimized.

Alcohol is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Irresponsible consumption of alcohol can place a person at risk. Take care of each other and do not allow fellow Marines, Sailors, or Civilians to be victimized due to intoxication.

Headquarters and Service Battalion Marines, Sailors, and Civilians take care of yourselves and those around you and do not permit sexual assault within our ranks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.C. Killeen'.

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