



### **Sexual Assault and Prevention Response (SAPR)**

Every unit member, military or civilian, will actively support the Air Force's "zero tolerance" policy for sexual harassment and sexual assault. Every member is expected to maintain a professional work environment that enables personnel to achieve their full potential while maximizing their contributions towards the mission. The Eastern Air Defense Sector will not tolerate any actions, verbal or physical, that demean the dignity and respect of another person. It is our responsibility as fellow wingmen and trained active bystanders to enforce the standards set before us, prevent unsafe behaviors and correct and/or report inappropriate behavior.

### **Sexual Assault Defined**

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

### **Reporting Process**

Sexual Assault prevention, processes of reporting, investigation and advocacy/victim assistance fall within the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program (SAPR). Within the SAPR program are certified Victim Advocates that are assigned by the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) to provide complete, unbiased support to a victim of sexual assault. There are two methods of reporting available to a sexual assault victim/survivor: restricted and unrestricted reporting. The person you report the sexual assault to can highly affect the method of reporting that is available. Restricted reporting is when a sexual assault victim wants to file a report on a confidential basis and chooses not to disclose the offender's name. By doing this, the victim will still be able to seek physical and psychological medical attention while understanding that no legal actions against the offender will be taken. Unrestricted reporting can be started when a victim chooses to share information concerning the assault, to include the offender's name, and a full investigation will be initiated.

To ensure both methods are available, sexual assault reporting should go through a Victims Advocate, the SARC, or a Joint Force Headquarters Advocate. If a report is made to a member outside the SAPR program (i.e., co-worker, supervisor, First Sergeant) the report is automatically initiated as an unrestricted report. In the event a member is unsure whether or not an incident is a

matter of sexual assault or sexual harassment, it is recommended to talk to a member within the SAPR program and they will ensure you are provided care within the applicable program. Though the reporting procedures for sexual assault and sexual harassment are different, every allegation of inappropriate behavior will be treated with sensitivity and with the utmost seriousness.

## **SAPR Points of Contact**

### **1. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC)**

LtCol Marcia Cole, 174<sup>th</sup> ATK Wing: 315-233-2632

Capt Ashley FitzGibbon, Joint Forces Headquarters (alt.) 518-786-4733

### **2. Victim Advocates (VAs)**

Master Sgt. Geoffery Christian, EADS

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Tech. Sgt. Kelley House, EADS

phone: 315-334-6311

National Safe Helpline: [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org) or 1-877-995-5247

Hancock Field SAPR response: 315-466-6645 (174<sup>th</sup>)