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TAG POLICY LETTER 18-14*

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) POLICY

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Directive 6495.01, dated 20 January 2015.
- b. Department of Defense Instruction 6495.02, dated 7 July 2015.
- c. Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, Chapter 8, dated 6 November 2014.
- d. Air Force Instruction 90-6001, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, dated 21 May 2015.
- e. National Guard Bureau Policy of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR), dated 1 September 2010.

2. This directive is applicable to members of the New Jersey National Guard, Federal employees, contract employees of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and DoD civilians.

3. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault is a criminal offense that degrades mission readiness, affects unit cohesion, and the inability to work effectively as a team. It is incompatible with our core values and has no place in the Army. Preventing sexual assault is the responsibility of every member in our organization.

4. DoD has made this a top priority, and I urge leaders at all levels to become familiar with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR). We must prevent sexual assault and support the victims by ensuring their safety and providing them with appropriate resources.

* *Supersedes TAG Policy Letter 12-12 dated 15 May 2012.*

5. SAPR is designed to eliminate sexual assault through an environment of prevention, education and training, response capability, victim support, and reporting procedures. It is crucial we focus on the victim and on doing what is necessary to support the victim recovery when a report is filed.

6. SAPR Program:


a. Reporting: A sexual assault victim can disclose the information to whomever he/she chooses to, but an official report is made when the DD form 2910 is signed and filed with the JFHQ SARC or Victim Advocate (VA).

b. Victim advocates will provide advocacy support to victims of sexual assault at the unit level and can provide crisis intervention, referral, and on-going non-clinical support to the victim of a sexual assault. They will oversee routine management and conduct follow-up of cases, and execution of training related to sexual assault.

c. Victim advocate training: VAs are required to conduct a local police record check on a DD form 369, must be a graduate from the 80-hour SHARP specialist course, and complete a D-SAACP application for their DoD certification. In addition, they will need to complete 16 hours of annual refresher training in order to maintain their certification. The JFHQ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) /Victim Advocate Coordinator can assist with this process.

7. All prevention and response will be coordinated through the SAPR program which is managed by the JFHQ SARC, to include initial, refresher, annual, mobilization and demobilization training.

8. Point of contact for this policy is Mrs. Monica DeLaCruz, JFHQ SARC at (609) 562-0854 or via email: monica.m.delacruz.mil@mail.mil.


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