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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Training Support Battalion (TSB) Personnel

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #15 - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR)

1. Reference AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 18 March 2008, paragraph 8-5o.

2. Sexual Assault is a crime that is incompatible with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos. Sexual assault directly and negatively impacts readiness across the force. The Training Support Battalion Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program will minimize sexual assault through training, education and awareness. The program will reinforce a commitment to Army Values. This policy applies to all Soldiers, on and off post, during duty and non-duty hours.

3. Sexual assault (rape, sodomy, and indecent assault) is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim.

4. Commanders will be mindful of the sensitive nature and protect the privacy of sexual assault victims. Ensure victims receive appropriate assistance and counseling; hold those who commit sexual assault offenses accountable; and follow written procedures for reporting sexual assault. Commanders will ensure all victims of sexual assault are protected and treated with dignity, fairness, and respect. Commanders will ensure that sexual assault victims are provided support, advocacy and care. Assuring privacy and providing a confidential disclosure option for sexual assault victims is critical.

5. Commanders will ensure that victims of sexual assault have the option of restricted or unrestricted reporting options. Commanders will integrate sexual assault awareness into their in processing briefings, and ensure all Soldiers are familiar with the procedures for reporting sexual assault.

a. Restricted reporting allows sexual assault victims the confidentiality to disclose the details of the assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the investigative process. Civilians and family members do not have the option of restricted reporting at this time. Victims of sexual assault can disclose details of the assault on a confidential basis only to the following individuals:

(1) The Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator (SARC)
(2) Their Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)
(3) The Chaplain
(4) Healthcare Provider

Restricted reporting sources are: Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), 751-6335; Victim Advocate assistance line, 803-429-4870 (24/7); Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) 751-3605; chaplain or healthcare provider.

b. Unrestricted reporting allows the victim who is sexually assaulted and desires to receive medical treatment to include a forensic examination, counseling, and the ability to inform the appropriate legal/command authority. Unrestricted reporting sources are the Chain of Command, the SARC, 751-6335, or the Victim Advocate assistance line, 803-429-4870 and the Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) 751-3605. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know. The advantage of the unrestricted reporting option is that notification of law enforcement and the chain of command allows actions to be taken to protect the victim.

6. Sexual assault prevention is key to the success of this program. We must not allow sexual assault to hinder our Soldiers, our personnel and our family well-being families, destroy our professional values, or compromise readiness.

6. POC for this memorandum is the TSB Unit Victim Advocate at 751-3605.

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