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SAPR Program Improvements

Teammates,

Our Air Force has made great strides in the past ten years since the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program began in 2005. Victims of sexual assault must feel comfortable and confident to report this crime committed against them so we can support their healing. Reporting is also essential so we can prosecute criminals who commit these acts and remove them from our Air Force family.



Last spring, I asked Team Dover to support three goals for our SAPR program:

- 1) Build a culture intolerant of sexual assault.
- 2) Establish a climate of dignity and respect.
- 3) Encourage survivors to report sexual assault.

These goals still hold true and I'm renewing my request for your assistance. As Airmen and leaders, it is vital each of us know and understand the process of reporting a sexual assault to ensure victims receive the assistance they need and deserve.

The most recent improvement to the Air Force SAPR program is the expansion of reporting options to Air Force civilian employees (APF and NAF), who are now eligible to make either a Restricted and Unrestricted Report of sexual assault. This change only extends SAPR services, and does not provide non-emergency medical or legal services.

Allowing victims to make Restricted Reports offers them SAPR services of advocacy and counseling while also respecting their right to NOT notify their Commander or have AFOSI investigate the incident.

Request each of you carefully review the two reporting options: Restricted and Unrestricted Reports.

RESTRICTED REPORTING OPTION:

- Available to Airmen (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve), their adult dependents, and also Air Force civilian employees (APF and NAF)
- Available only if the report is made to SARC, Victim Advocate or Medical/Mental Health provider
- Counseling and advocacy services available
- Command is NOT notified
- Incident is NOT investigated

UNRESTRICTED REPORTING OPTION:

- Available to any adult member of Team Dover
- Available by contacting the SARC, Victim Advocate, Medical/Mental Health provider, AFOSI, or anyone in the chain of command
- Counseling and advocacy services available
- Command IS notified
- Incident IS investigated

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you notify anyone in your chain of command of a sexual assault, they must report the incident to the SARC and AFOSI. This is required if the incident occurred last week or several years in the past. All Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, and security forces personnel are mandatory reporters.

We also have a Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) that assists victims with confidential legal advice and representation in military court. You can request an SVC thru the SARC or call (240) 612-4672 directly.

Finally, please be a good wingman to anyone who has experienced sexual assault. Listen to, believe, and encourage them to seek help from the SARC, Chaplain, or DOD Safe Helpline: www.safehelpline.org.

Our Team Dover SARC, Mrs. Laura Tasker, is available at (302) 677-3680 or call the 24/7 SAPR Helpline at (302) 363-7272 for any questions. Keep leading Teammates!

Col Grismer, 436 AW/CC

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