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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Idaho National Guard

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy (IDNG-26)

1. Sexual assault is a crime that will not be tolerated in the Idaho National Guard. Sexual 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 includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit such acts. "Consent" will not be construed to mean the failure by a victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force or threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.
2. Sexual assault has a devastating and often lasting impact on the victim. I am committed to ensuring victims of sexual assault are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided the support, advocacy and care they need. National Guard leaders at every level will create and promote a positive command climate in an attempt to prevent sexual assault from occurring and to assure victims that their chain of command will fully assist them if it does occur.
3. It is my policy that Idaho National Guard victims have the option of either Limited or Unrestricted Reporting.


a. Limited Reporting allows a soldier or airman who is a sexual assault victim to disclose the details of an assault to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), health care provider or Chaplain on a confidential basis. In Limited Reporting, a victim may receive referral to civilian services without triggering the official investigative process. It is important to know that victims choosing the Limited Reporting option will not be eligible to receive health care benefits paid for through the Line of Duty process.

b. Unrestricted Reporting allows a soldier or airman who is sexually assaulted and wants medical treatment, counseling, or an official investigation of his or her allegation to use current reporting channels (chain of command, law enforcement, SARC or VA). Even though it is an Unrestricted Report, details of the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC is to be notified. With the victim's consent, the SARC will contact a Victim Advocate to assist the victim. Additionally, with the victim's consent, the health provider will conduct a forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence. If the victim chooses to receive medical or counseling services, a Line of Duty (DA 2173 or AF 422) will be completed and the appropriate referrals will be initiated in accordance with AR 600-8-4 and the current Air Force Policy and Procedures.

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4. I have appointed a Joint Force Headquarters Sexual Assault Response Coordinator to implement the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR) in accordance with National Guard Bureau guidance. Each commander will appoint the required SAPR personnel at his or her level and ensure the proper training is accomplished. The IDARNG will have a Deployable SARC (DSARC) appointed at each brigade/unit of action and higher level units and a minimum of two unit Victim Advocates (VA) at each battalion and equivalent level units. The IDANG will have a SARC and a minimum of two Victim Advocates for the 124th WING at Gowen Field. The Idaho Air National Guard has an agreement in place for Airmen located at Mountain Home AFB to receive Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) assistance from trained Mountain Home AFB personnel. The 266th RANS will have at least one airman trained as a Victim Advocate. Special circumstances concerning unit size or mission may require discussion with the JFHQ-ID SARC to ensure proper staffing.
5. Each Soldier and Airman will receive the NGB mandated initial training on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response as directed by each Service. Refresher training on SAPR will be conducted annually at the unit level. Additional SAPR training will be integrated into pre-deployment and post-deployment briefings.
6. Any act of sexual assault is incompatible with our military values and tears at unit cohesion, degrading our mission readiness. Conviction of sexual assault is punishable under the ICMJ and other federal and local civilian laws.
7. The Joint Force Headquarters SARC is LT Colleen Walker who can be reached at (208) 447-6166 or colleen.walker@us.army.mil. The 124th WING SARC is LTC Beverly Bracewell (208) 422-6162 or Beverly.bracewell@ang.af.mil. They are able to provide information on available military and civilian resources to support victims and their families.
8. The IDNG Sexual Assault Prevention and Response 24-hour HOTLINE number is (208) 447-6166. The HOTLINE will be answered by the JFHQ-ID SARC or designated alternate and is available to assist any member of the Idaho Army or Air National Guard. A National Guardsman may contact either Hotline 24 hours a day to seek help following a sexual assault, to obtain a referral for medical or counseling services, or for assistance in reporting a sexual assault. If a victim does not wish to file a criminal report for sexual assault, he or she should still seek medical attention to ensure his or her health and safety. These services are also available to victims of a past sexual assault.
9. The point of contact for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is LT Colleen Walker at (208) 447-6166.
10. This memorandum will not be incorporated into any other type publication, and will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority.


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