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SUBJECT: Collaboration with Civilian Authorities for Sexual Assault Victim
Support (JTF-SAPR-010)

This directive-type memorandum provides DoD guidance for establishing liaison and coordination between military and local civilian authorities with respect to sexual assault responses and the care of victims of sexual assault, consistent with Section 577(b) (10) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, P. L. 108-375, October 28, 2004. This guidance is part of DoD's comprehensive policy on the prevention and response to sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces.

It is DoD policy that military installations in the United States (and overseas, where appropriate) shall establish a formal memorandum of understanding (MOU) with local community service providers, and other Military Services, as necessary and appropriate, in order to:

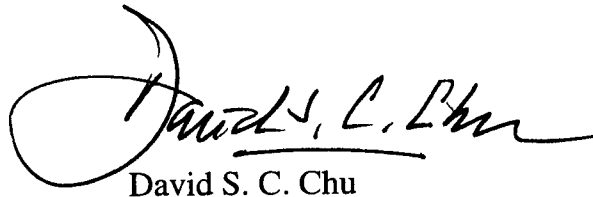
- Enhance the sharing of information concerning investigations, arrests, and prosecutions of reported sexual assault cases, as well as sexual assault care and forensic examinations involving military personnel.
- Collaborate with local community crisis counseling centers, where appropriate, in order to augment their sexual assault expertise into military training programs and to exchange non-identifying sexual assault data involving military personnel.



- Coordinate medical and counseling services between military installations, and/or deployed units, related to care for victims of sexual assault.
- Provide medical and counseling services related to care for victims of sexual assault that may not be available on military installations, but are available in the civilian community.
- Provide practical training to military sexual assault medical examiners and health providers, as needed, in order to maintain optimal readiness and ensure the same level of care is provided in deployed, overseas, and remote environments.

All Military Services shall submit a copy of the implementing guidance conforming to the requirements outlined in this policy not later than 15 February 2005. My POC for this action is Brigadier General K.C. McClain, Commander, Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

This guidance establishes DoD policy on sexual assault matters. This memorandum is effective immediately. This and other sexual assault policies will be consolidated into a DoD issuance within 180 days.



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ACTION MEMO

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FOR: USD(P&R)

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PDUSD (P&R) *CSA 12-15-04*

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- It is essential that military installations coordinate the care provided to victims of reported sexual assaults, both within the military environment and the local community. Of particular importance is the establishment and utilization of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), between the following military and civilian service providers, where available and appropriate: victim advocacy services, sexual assault examiner services, local hospitals and/or rape crisis centers, law enforcement services, and counseling services. MOUs are important to help to leverage these skills and services to provide the best care possible.
- TAB A promulgates the Department of Defense (DoD) guidelines for addressing liaison and collaborative care with civilian agencies for victims of reported sexual assault, consistent with Section 577(b) (10) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, P. L. 108-375, October 28, 2004. These guidelines are part of DoD's comprehensive policy on the prevention and response to sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces.
- This addition to DoD's comprehensive policy directs local commanders to seek to establish MOUs between their installation and local community service organizations to facilitate enhanced, optimum responses to sexual assault victims. Coordination of the services to be provided will remove barriers to the care to be provided to these victims.

RECOMMENDATION: That USD (P&R) sign the memo at TAB A.

COORDINATION: TAB B

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