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This Air Force policy directive implements Department of Defense Directive 6495.01, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program*. In collaboration with the Chief of Air Force Reserve (AF/RE) and the Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF), the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services (AF/A1) develops policy and assigns responsibility for the prevention of and response to sexual assault and establishes command relationships, authorities and responsibilities in support of the policy. The policy applies to all levels of command and all Air Force organizations including the Regular Air Force, Air Force civilian employees, United States Air Force Academy, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Comments and recommended changes regarding this publication should be sent from the field through appropriate functional chain of command using Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, to the Office of Integrated Resilience, AF/A1Z. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been updated to change the office of primary responsibility (OPR) to the AF/A1 and adds a reference to Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6495.03, *Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP)*.

1. Background. Providing a safe, respectful, and productive work environment free from sexual harassment and sexual assault is the responsibility of every Airman. The Air Force's mission depends on Airmen having complete trust and confidence in one another. Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do, define the standard. Sexual assault is incompatible with our core values, our mission, and our heritage. As such, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is a priority both for ensuring readiness and taking care of our Airmen.

2. Policy. It is Air Force policy to:

2.1. Eliminate sexual assault within the Department of the Air Force through awareness and prevention training, education, reporting, response, victim advocacy, and accountability. The Air Force promotes sensitive care and supports confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault.

2.2. Provide mechanisms at the recruiting and accession points to prevent previously adjudicated offenders from entering the Air Force.

2.3. Ensure strong prevention and response programs, including law enforcement, investigative, and military justice policies and procedures that address victim safety and hold offenders appropriately accountable for their actions.

2.4. Provide an immediate, trained response capability for each report of sexual assault in all areas, including in deployed locations, and ensure victims receive timely access to appropriate treatment and services.

2.5. Treat sexual assault patients as emergency cases that will be given priority. A sexual assault victim may need immediate medical intervention to prevent loss of life or may be suffering resulting from physical injuries (internal or external), sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and psychological distress.

2.6. Protect victims of sexual assault from retaliation including ostracism, maltreatment, reprisal and harassment resulting from their reporting.

2.7. Ensure victims of sexual assault are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy and care. Offer two reporting options to Airmen, as well as Air Force civilian employees and adult military dependents.

2.7.1. Non-confidential, Unrestricted Reporting provides victims' services and holds offenders appropriately accountable.

2.7.2. Confidential, Restricted Reporting ensures victims have access to a number of victims' services without triggering command or law enforcement involvement.

2.8. Provide support to our total force Airmen regardless of when or where the sexual assault took place.

3. Roles and Responsibilities.

3.1. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force serves as the senior uniformed officer responsible for overseeing and providing recommendations to the Secretary of the Air Force on the issue of sexual assault policy matters on prevention, response, oversight, standards, training, and program requirements.

3.2. The Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force serves as an agent of the Secretary of the Air Force and provides guidance, direction, and oversight for all matters pertaining to the formulation, review, and execution of plans, policies, programs, and budgets addressing sexual assault as well as develops performance-based metrics, leading indicators, and feedback protocols to assess ongoing program performance.

3.3. The Inspector General (SAF/IG) is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) in accordance with DoDI 5505.18, *Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the Department of Defense*, Headquarters Air Force Mission Directive 1-20, *The Inspector General* and Air Force Policy Directive 71-1, *Criminal Investigations and CI*.

3.4. The Air Force General Counsel (SAF/GC) develops and interprets legal policy and provides legal oversight and guidance for all aspects of sexual assault policy, and other matters related to sexual assault, as needed.

3.5. The Deputy Chief of Staff of Manpower and Personnel Services, AF/A1, is responsible for the resourcing, policy development and operational and function oversight of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and approving required training for Air Force Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates, and Volunteer Victim Advocates, in accordance with DoDI 6495.02, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Procedures* and DoDI 6495.03 *Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP)*.

3.6. The Judge Advocate General (AF/JA) is responsible for military justice activities related to this directive and assists in developing, coordinating, and executing legal policy and essential procedural guidance for the management of sexual assault issues. AF/JA is responsible for ensuring required training of all judge advocates in sexual assault policy and related matters. AF/JA is the responsible official for administration of the Victim and Witness Assistance Program and the Special Victims' Counsel Program.

3.7. The Surgeon General (AF/SG) is responsible for health care policies, clinical practice guidelines, related procedures, and standards governing Air Force healthcare programs for victims of sexual assault. The AF/SG is responsible for ensuring required training of health care personnel in sexual assault policy and related matters.

3.8. The Chief of Chaplains (AF/HC) is responsible for Chaplain Corps policies and procedural guidance for matters related to sexual assault. AF/HC is responsible for ensuring members of the Chaplain Corps complete required training in sexual assault policy and related matters.

3.9. The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support (AF/A4 & A7), through the Director, Air Force Security Forces (AF/A4) is responsible for security and law enforcement guidelines and related procedures that support the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. The Director is responsible for ensuring Security Forces investigators are sufficiently trained to investigate the offenses under their purview and ensuring all law enforcement personnel are trained to respond to sexual assault allegations in their first responder capacity.

3.10. The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1) is responsible for developing, coordinating, and executing: Sexual Assault

Response Coordinator assignments; civilian Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/ Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate hiring; Sexual Assault Response Coordinator professional development education, training, and broadening; expedited transfer of approved subject and victim requests; Sexual Assault Response Coordinator deployments; career development for those in the Force Support Air Force Specialty Code (38F) (military Sexual Assault Response Coordinators); and separation and retirement processing for Airmen. AF/A1 is responsible for employing recruiting processes to prevent accession of previous offenders.

3.11. The Chief of Air Force Reserve (AF/RE) implements Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs for Air Force Reserve personnel that comply with this policy directive and ensures the training of Reserve personnel in sexual assault policy and related matters.

3.12. The Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF) implements Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs for Air National Guard personnel that comply with this policy directive and appropriate National Guard Bureau policy and ensures the training of Air National Guard personnel in sexual assault policy and related matters.

3.13. Major Command commanders implement Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs consistent with these policies and the procedures established in the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Major Command oversight will not be delegated below the Major Command Vice Commander or equivalent position.

3.14. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command develops and distributes, in coordination with AF/A1Z, appropriate sexual assault educational materials for all levels of accession, technical training and professional military education sources.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

Department of Defense Directive 6495.01, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR), 23 January 2012.

Air Force Manual 36-363, Management of Records, 1 March 2008

Department of Defense Instruction 6495.03, Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP), 10 September 2015.

Department of Defense Instruction 5505.18, Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the Department of Defense, 22 March 2017.

Headquarters Air Force Mission Directive 1-20, The Inspector General, 7 May 2015.

Air Force Policy Directive 71-1, Criminal Investigations and CI, 13 November 2015.

Department of Defense Instruction 6495.02, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Procedures, 28 March 2013.

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

Air Force Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

CI—Counterintelligence

DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

Terms

None