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RESPONSE (SAPR) PROGRAM**

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This Department of the Air Force Policy Directive (DAFPD) implements the Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 6495.01, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program*. In collaboration with the Chief of Air Force Reserve (AF/RE), the Chief of the National Guard Bureau (NGB/CNGB), with support from the Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF), the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services (AF/A1) and the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital (SF/S1) develop policy and assign responsibility for the prevention of and response to adult sexual assaults and establish command relationships, authorities, and responsibilities in support of the policy. This publication applies to the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Total Force, including all DAF civilian employees, uniformed members of the Regular Air Force, United States Space Force (USSF), Air Force Reserve (AFR), Air National Guard (ANG), in a federalized capacity, and the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA). Limited SAPR advocacy support and Unrestricted Reporting is available to U.S. citizen DoD contractor personnel when they are authorized to accompany the Armed Forces in a contingency operation OCONUS and their U.S. citizen employees. This publication may not be supplemented. Comments and recommended changes regarding this publication should be sent from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command using Department of Air Force (DAF) Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, to the office of Integrated Resilience, AF/A1Z. Ensure all records generated as a result of processes prescribed in this publication adhere to Air Force Instruction (AFI) 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and are disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule, which is located in the Air Force Records Information Management System.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document integrates Department of the Air Force equities and incorporates updates from DoDD 6495.01, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program* and adds references to Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6495.02 Volume 1, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response: Program Procedures* and DoDI 6495.02 Volume 2, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response: Education and Training*.

1. Background. Providing a safe, respectful, and productive work environment free from sexual harassment and sexual assault is the responsibility of every Airman and Guardian. The Department of the Air Force's (DAF) mission depends on Airmen and Guardians having complete trust and confidence in one another. The United States Air Force's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do, and the United States Space Force's Guardian values of Character, Connection, Commitment, and Courage, define the standards we must all strive for every day. Sexual assault is incompatible with our core values, mission, and heritage. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program is a priority for ensuring readiness and taking care of our Airmen and Guardians.

2. Policy. It is DAF policy to:

- 2.1. Eliminate sexual assault within the DAF through program awareness, prevention training, education, reporting, response, victim advocacy, and accountability.
- 2.2. Promote trauma-informed care and support confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault.
- 2.3. Provide mechanisms to prevent previous offenders from entering the DAF at recruiting and accession.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. Provide an immediate, trained response capability for each report of adult sexual assault in all geographic locations, including deployed settings, and ensure victims receive timely access to appropriate treatment and services.
- 2.6. Treat sexual assault patients as emergency cases, regardless of whether physical injuries are evident. Sexual assault patients will be given priority and assessed for immediate medical or mental health intervention to prevent loss of life; patients will also be evaluated for physical injuries (internal or external), sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and psychological distress.
- 2.7. Protect victims of sexual assault from retaliation including restriction, ostracism, maltreatment, reprisal, and harassment resulting from their reporting.
- 2.8. Ensure victims of sexual assault are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy, and care. Offer Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting options to our Airmen, Guardians, DAF civilian employees, and adult military dependents, and respect victims' choice not to file a SAPR report.
- 2.9. Provide support to our Total Force Airmen and Guardians regardless of when or where the sexual assault took place.

3. Roles and Responsibilities.

3.1. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (SAF/MR) is responsible for policy oversight and implementation of this directive as well as DoDD 6495.01 and implementing the DAF SAPR Program for both military and civilian personnel.

3.2. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF), United States Air Force, and the Chief of Space Operations (CSO), United States Space Force, serve as the senior uniformed officers and are 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 for their respective Services. Because sexual assault prevention and response impacts the force Department-wide, coordination and collaborative efforts between CSAF and CSO are essential for program success.

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, *Office of The Inspector General* and Air Force Policy Directive 71-1, *Criminal Investigations and Counterintelligence*. AFOSI will ensure that a criminal investigation is initiated in response to all allegations of adult sexual assault of which they become aware that occur within their jurisdiction. The allegation(s) must be based on credible information, as defined in DoDI 5505.07, *Titling and Indexing in Criminal Investigations*, that a crime has occurred, and have a DoD nexus, as defined in DoDI 5505.03, *Initiation of Investigations by Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations*. The AFOSI Commander is responsible for ensuring all AFOSI personnel are trained to respond to sexual assault allegations in their first responder capacity and comply with annual and first responder training in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.4. The Department of 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 for Manpower, Personnel, and Services (AF/A1) in collaboration with the Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital (SF/S1) is responsible for providing guidance, direction, and oversight for all matters pertaining to the formulation, review, and execution of plans, policies, programs, and budgets addressing sexual assault prevention and response as well as developing performance based metrics, leading indicators, and feedback protocols to assess ongoing program performance.

3.6. The Judge Advocate General (AF/JA) is responsible for military justice activities related to this directive and develops, coordinates, interprets, and executes 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 in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2. AF/JA is the responsible official for administration of the Victim and Witness Assistance Program and the Victims' Counsel Program.

3.7. The Surgeon General (AF/SG) is responsible for health care policies, clinical practice guidelines, related procedures, and standards governing DAF healthcare programs within deployed settings for victims of sexual assault. Sexual assault patients shall be given priority,

and shall be treated as emergency cases. A sexual assault patient may need immediate medical intervention to prevent loss of life or suffering resulting from physical injuries (internal or external), sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, or psychological distress. The AF/SG is responsible for ensuring all deployed Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner personnel receive initial sexual assault medical examiner training and all personnel in a deployed setting receive annual training and health care personnel receive first responder training in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

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 first responder and annual training in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.9. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection (AF/A4), through the Director of Security Forces (AF/A4S) is responsible for security and law enforcement guidelines and related procedures that support the SAPR Program. The Director is responsible for ensuring all law enforcement personnel are trained to respond to sexual assault allegations in their first responder capacity and comply with annual and first responder training in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.10. The Chief of Air Force Reserve (AF/RE) implements the SAPR Program for Air Force Reserve personnel that comply with this policy directive, and ensures Reserve personnel sexual assault policy and related training comply with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.11. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau (NGB/CNGB) serves as the senior uniformed officer responsible for matters related to sexual assault policy, including prevention, response, oversight, standards, training, and program management. The CNGB will ensure non-Federalized ANG personnel, on behalf of the NGB, The Adjutants General (TAGs), and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia (CG), National Guard members, and eligible dependents comply with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.12. The Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF) supports the CNGB in implementation of the National Guard SAPR Program for non-Federalized Air National Guard personnel.

3.13. Major Commands (MAJCOMs)/Field Commands (FLDCOMs), Direct Reporting Units (DRUs), or equivalent commanders will implement SAPR Programs consistent with this policy directive and the procedures established in the DAF SAPR Program. MAJCOM/FLDCOM/DRU oversight will not be delegated below the MAJCOM/FLDCOM Vice Commander or equivalent Director.

3.14. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command develops and distributes, in coordination with Air Force Personnel Center, Integrated Resilience Division (AFPC/DPFZ), appropriate sexual assault educational materials for all levels of accession, technical training and professional military education sources in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1 and DoDI 6495.02V2.

3.15. AFPC/DPFZ is responsible for operational support for the sexual assault prevention and response program and training development required for Total Force Annual SAPR Training, Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates, and Volunteer Victim Advocates, in accordance with DoDI 6495.02V1, DoDI

6495.02V2, and DoDI 6495.03 *Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP)*).

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

DoDD 6495.01, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program*, 23 January 2012

DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Procedures*, 28 March 2013

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HAFMD 1-20, *Office of The Inspector General*, 5 January 2021

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AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 10 March 2020

Prescribed Forms

None

Adopted Forms

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFOSI—Air Force Office of Special Investigations

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFR—Air Force Reserve

ANG—Air National Guard

CG—Commanding General of the District of Columbia

CNGB—Chief of the National Guard Bureau

CSAF—Chief of Staff of the Air Force

CSO—Chief of Space Operations

DAF—Department of the Air Force

DAFPD—Department of the Air Force Policy Directive

DoDD—Department of Defense Directive

DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction

DRU—Direct Reporting Unit

e-Publishing—the e-publishing website (www.e-publishing.af.mil)

FLDCOM—field command

HAF—Headquarters Air Force

MAJCOM—Major Command

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

SAF—Secretariat offices within the HAF

SAPR—Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

TAGs—The Adjutants General

USAFA—United States Air Force Academy

USSF—United States Space Force

Office Symbols

SAF/GC—Department of the Air Force General Counsel

SAF/IG—Inspector General

SAF/MR—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

AF/A1—Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), for Manpower, Personnel and Services

AF/A1Z—Integrated Resilience

AF/A4—Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection

AF/A4S—Director of Security Forces

AF/HC—Chief of Chaplains

AF/JA—The Judge Advocate General

AF/RE—Chief of Air Force Reserve

AF/SG—Surgeon General

AFPC/DPFZ—Air Force Personnel Center, Integrated Resilience Division

NGB/CNGB—Chief of the National Guard Bureau

NGB/CF—Director of the Air National Guard

SF/S1—Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital

Terms

Restricted Reporting—Reporting option that allows sexual assault victims to confidentially disclose the assault to specified individuals (e.g., SARC, SAPR VA, or healthcare personnel) and receive medical treatment, including emergency care, counseling, and assignment of a SARC and SAPR VA, without triggering an official investigation unless the victim consents or an established exception is exercised under DoDI 6495.01. SAPR Restricted Reports require a signed DD Form 2910.

Unrestricted Reporting—A process by which an individual covered by this instruction uses to disclose, without requesting confidentiality or Restricted Reporting, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. The victim's report is reported to law enforcement and may be used to initiate the official investigation process. SAPR Unrestricted Reports require a signed DD Form 2910.

Total Force—Includes all DAF civilian employees and uniformed members of the Regular Air Force, United States Space Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force Academy.