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PROGRAM SEXUAL ASSULT
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PEER SUPPORT***

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This instruction implements AFI 90-6001, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program*, by increasing effective access of SAPR services to students and by establishing a standardized policy and procedures for the Teal Rope Program at Goodfellow Air Force base and the Presidio of Monterey (PoM). This instruction applies to all technical training courses located at Goodfellow Air Force Base and the PoM. It also applies to Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) members attending training at Goodfellow Air Force Base and the PoM. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained according to AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of according to the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims/cfm>. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. This publication may be supplemented at any level, but all direct supplements must be routed to the OPR of this publication for coordination prior to certification and approval.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This publication is a complete rewrite of prior Teal Rope and Officer Ambassadors guidance. All officer positions, bylaws, elections, and committees have been removed. The program is now standardized as a Teal Rope Prevention Program focused solely on peer support, prevention, and referral in accordance with AFI 90-6001.

1. Purpose. This instruction implements AFI 90-6001, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, by establishing the Teal Rope Program at Goodfellow AFB and the 517 TRG Detachment at Presidio of Monterey (PoM). Teal Ropes are peer-to-peer liaisons who serve as ambassadors for SAPR prevention, awareness, and referral. They are not counselors, but peers who provide accurate information, connect fellow students with SAPR resources, and promote a climate of dignity and respect.

2. Objective. The objective of the Teal Rope and Officer Ambassadors Program is to increase access to SAPR resources for the student population, reduce stigma associated with reporting sexual assault or harassment, and foster a culture of respect, integrity, and accountability throughout the training environment. By serving as a visible presence through wear of the teal rope, members act as peer ambassadors who promote prevention awareness, provide accurate referral information, and contribute to a safe and professional atmosphere across Goodfellow AFB and the Presidio of Monterey (PoM)

3. Program Oversight (Enlisted and Officer Participation). The Teal Rope and Officer Ambassadors Program is overseen by the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and the SAPR Program, which will maintain direct authority over all aspects of the program. Training Group Commanders, Unit Commanders, and MTL/Drill Sergeants provide support by nominating qualified candidates, monitoring academic and disciplinary standing, and reinforcing prevention efforts within their units/squadrons. While commanders and MTLs play an essential role in identifying and supporting potential Teal Rope and Officer Ambassadors, the SARC retains sole authority for approving, sustaining, or removing members from the program.

3.1. The Teal Rope Program consists of two participation tracks designed to meet the needs of both enlisted students and officers within the training environment:

3.1.1. Teal Rope Ambassadors (Enlisted Track): Enlisted participants are identified by wear of the teal aiguillette (rope) while in good standing and serve as peer ambassadors for SAPR prevention, awareness, and referral.

3.1.2. SAPR Officer Ambassadors (Officer Track): Officers participating in the program will serve as SAPR Officer Ambassadors and will be identified by wearing the teal and black aiguillette (rope)/SAPR tab, an existing and approved SAPR identifier. Both tracks operate under the oversight of the SARC and SAPR Program and are subject to track-specific training, accountability, and participation requirements.

4. Eligibility Requirements. To be considered for the Teal Rope Program, applicants must meet the following:

4.1. Commander or MTL/DS Nomination – *Applicants cannot self-nominate.*

4.2. Security/Disciplinary Screening – Applicants must pass a local check verifying good conduct.

4.3. No Open SAPR Case – Applicants may not have an active SAPR case. If previously involved in a case, membership is only permitted 6 months after case closure.

4.4. Academic & Disciplinary Standing – Must remain in good standing throughout program membership.

4.5. Professional Conduct – Must demonstrate maturity, discretion, and ability to represent SAPR appropriately.

5. Application Process. Interested students receive an application packet ([Attachment 2](#)). Application must include:

- 5.1. Nomination from Commander/MTL.
- 5.2. Verification of eligibility (discipline check, SAPR clearance).
- 5.3. Signed Privacy Pledge & Code of Conduct.
- 5.4. Short personal statement (why they want to serve as a Teal Rope).
- 5.5. Applicants interview with the SARC for final approval.

6. Membership Standards.

- 6.1. Attend initial training and monthly sustainment training.
- 6.2. Participate in prevention and outreach activities, averaging approximately 3-5 hours per month, as coordinated by the SAPR Program and scheduled so as not to interfere with academic or technical training requirements. *Outreach participation may vary by training tempo and student availability.*
 - 6.2.1. Teal Rope outreach activities are conducted outside of required academic instruction and will never supersede training, evaluations, or mission-essential duties.
- 6.3. Wear the teal aiguillette/teal & black aiguillette/tabs only while in good standing.
- 6.4. Serve as ambassadors of prevention – ***provide information, not counseling.***
- 6.5. Uphold Air Force Core Values and always maintain professionalism.
- 6.6. Notify SAPR Program of graduation 30 days prior and return teal rope/teal tabs before departure.
- 6.7. Officer Ambassador Oversight and Standardization Officer Ambassadors do not have assigned Military Training Leaders (MTLs). To ensure standardization and accountability, Officer Ambassadors will:
 - 6.7.1. Complete monthly check-ins with the SAPR Program or a designated training leadership representative (e.g., instructor cadre lead, flight commander, or training squadron leadership).
 - 6.7.2. Maintain documentation of participation hours, training completion, and outreach activities.
 - 6.7.3. Attend officer-specific meetings and sustainment training as scheduled by the SAPR Program
 - 6.7.4. Failure to meet oversight or participation requirements may result in suspension or removal from the program.
- 6.8. Track-Specific Training and Meetings While all program members receive foundational SAPR training, training delivery and sustainment requirements will be tailored by participation track.
 - 6.8.1. Enlisted Teal Ropes will attend monthly Teal Rope meetings coordinated with the SAPR Program and supported by MTL/DS staff as applicable.

6.8.2. Officer Ambassadors will attend separate officer ambassador meetings and complete track-specific training addressing leadership influence, professional boundaries, positional authority, and referral responsibilities.

7. Teal Rope Expectations.

7.1. Teal Ropes and Officer Ambassadors are expected to serve as visible ambassadors of prevention by engaging in proactive outreach, promoting respect and accountability, and supporting their peers with accurate SAPR information.

7.2. Members must always maintain a professional presence, wearing the teal rope only while in good standing.

7.3. Teal Ropes and Officer Ambassadors are expected to actively support SAPR prevention efforts through participation in outreach activities such as in-processing briefs, resource fairs, dorm outreach, or other events coordinated by the SAPR Program Participation levels may vary based on training demands and availability.

7.4. Teal Ropes and Officer Ambassadors are expected to attend separate but required training for sustainment sessions as coordinated by the SAPR Program, maintain consistent communication with SAPR Staff and model Air Force Core Values in both personal and professional conduct.

8. Program Standards.

8.1. Confidentiality: Teal Ropes and Officer Ambassadors are not *confidential agents*. **Any disclosure of sexual assault/harassment must be immediately referred to SAPR Program.**

8.2. Attendance: Missing more than 2 mandatory training courses without approval results in removal.

8.3. Conduct: Any UCMJ violation, misconduct, or breach of trust leads to removal.

8.4. Separation of Duties: Teal Ropes may not hold student leadership positions that could interfere with SAPR restricted reporting requirements.

8.5. Review: All Teal Ropes will undergo a 3-month performance review with the SARC.

9. Teal Rope Cord/Tab Policy.

9.1. The teal aiguillette (rope) is the official identifier of Teal Rope Ambassadors at Goodfellow AFB and the Presidio of Monterey (PoM). The cord symbolizes a visible commitment to SAPR prevention, peer support and referral services. It is not a permanent award, but a functional designation worn only while the member is in good standing with the program.

9.2. Teal Ropes will wear the cord in accordance with DAFI36-2903_DAFGM2025-02, *Memorandum for Dress and Personal Appearance of Department of Air Force Personnel*, and only while actively serving as a designated member of the program. If the cord becomes unserviceable, an airman will exchange the cord immediately.

9.3. The Teal Rope cord must be returned to the SAPR Program prior to graduation or upon removal from the program. Failure to maintain eligibility, standards, and expectations may result in immediate suspension of the right to wear the rope until deficiencies are corrected or membership is terminated.

9.4. The cord serves as both an accountability tool and a visual reminder of the SAPR program's availability to all students. Its wear is a **privilege** tied directly to performance, professionalism, and continued trust.

9.5. Officer Ambassador Identification (teal aiguillette/rope)

9.5.1. Officers participating as SAPR Officer Ambassadors will wear the teal aiguillette/rope.

9.5.2. The teal aiguillette/rope serves as the official visual identifier for Officer Ambassadors while they are active and in good standing and will be worn in accordance with applicable uniform standards and local guidance.

9.5.3. The SAPR Program will coordinate procurement and accountability of teal aiguillette/rope to ensure availability for officer participation.

10. Recognition.

10.1. Teal Rope Ambassadors who successfully complete the program requirements and maintain good standing at graduation will receive a Letter of Appreciation (LOA). High-performing members may also receive recommendations from the SARC for application to the Voluntary Victim Advocate (VVA) Program at their gaining base after graduation.

10.2. To highlight excellence and reinforce a culture of prevention, the SAPR Program will recognize a "Teal Rope of the Month." This recognition may be awarded for outstanding volunteerism, significant contribution to prevention efforts, exceptional peer support, or positive recognition by fellow students, unit leadership, or individuals served. Recipients will be acknowledged publicly during monthly SAPR updates, features in base-level communication channels when appropriate, and recorded in their program file.

10.3. This recognition is intended to foster pride, reinforce commitment to SAPR mission, motivate continued excellence among all program members.

11. Program Efficiency.

11.1. Overview: The goal of the Teal Rope Program is to foster a culture of dignity and respect by increasing peer-driven prevention, providing accurate referral information, and strengthening awareness of SAPE services. Program efficiency is defined by the visibility, credibility, and impact of Teal Rope and Officer Ambassadors within the population.

11.2. Measurement: Program effectiveness will be assessed using both qualitative and quantitative measures. Key indicators include:

11.2.1. Participation Metrics: Number of trained and active Teal Ropes, monthly outreach hours completed, and attendance at trained events.

11.2.2. Engagement Metrics: Number and type of outreach events supported (resource fairs, in-processing briefs, dorm visits, etc.), as well as peer-reported utilization of Teal Ropes as resources.

11.2.3. Climate Feedback: Anonymous student surveys, exit interviews, and focus group discussions assessing awareness of SAPR services, peer trust in Teal Ropes, and perceived reduction.

11.2.4. Referral Data. Trends in contacts made through Teal Ropes leading to SAPR Program referrals (tracked without personal identifiers).

11.3. Reporting. The SARC will brief Wing Leadership quarterly on program effectiveness, providing data on participation, engagement, and referral trends. These updates will highlight strengths, identify areas of improvement, and recommend adjustments to training or program operations as needed.

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

AFI 90-6001, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program*

DAFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of United States Air Force and United States Space Force Personnel*, 11 July 2025

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

DS—Drill Sergeant

LOA—Letter of Appreciation MTL- Military Training Leader PoM- Presidio of Monterey

SAPR—Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

SAPR Program—Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program SARC – Sexual Assault Resource Coordinator

TR—Teal Rope

Attachment 2

TEAL ROPE APPLICATION

Figure A2.1. Teal Rope Application.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Rank: _____ Branch: _____ Unit / Squadron / Course: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Nomination (Required – No Self-Nomination) Commander MTL / Drill Sergeant Training Squadron Leadership (Officer

Applicants) Nominator Name & Rank: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility Verification (Completed by SAPR Program) Local disciplinary/security check completed Academic standing verified SAPR eligibility reviewed Applicant meets professional conduct standards

SAPR SARC/VA Initials: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Statement:

In 250 words or less, explain why you want to serve as a Teal Rope and Officer Ambassador and how you will contribute to SAPR prevention, peer support, and a culture of dignity and respect within the training environment.

Applicant Acknowledgement

I understand that Teal Rope Ambassadors and SAPR Officer Ambassadors are not confidential reporting agents. I agree to uphold all program standards, maintain professionalism, and immediately refer any disclosures to the SAPR Program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SAPR PROGRAM Interview (Final Approval) Approved Not Approved

Attachment 3**TEAL ROPE PROGRAM STANDARDS**

A3.1. Confidentiality & Boundaries: Provide information and referrals only. Never act as a counselor. Immediately connect peers to SAPR Program.

A3.2. Eligibility Maintenance: Must remain free of open SAPR cases (6 months post- closure minimum), maintain good standing academically and behaviorally, and uphold security requirements.

A3.3. Attendance & Training. Attend required training and sustainment sessions as coordinated by the SAPR Program. More than two unexcused absences may result in removal from the program.

A3.4. Professional Conduct: Always uphold Air Force Core Values. Any UCMJ violation, unprofessional behavior or breach of trust may result in removal from the program.

A3.5. Role Separation: Cannot serve simultaneously in leadership roles that conflict with SAPR responsibilities.

A3.6. Visibility & Engagement: Wear the teal rope and teal tab only while in good standing and actively participating in prevention outreach activities as coordinated by the SAPR Program. Participation levels may vary based on training demands and availability.

A3.7. Program Accountability: Notify SAPR Program 30 days prior to graduation, return the teal rope/tab at program end, and undergo a 3-6-month performance review.

Attachment 4

TEAL ROPE PRIVACY PLEDGE

Figure A4.1. Teal Rope Privacy Pledge.

Privacy Pledge:

I pledge to serve as an ambassador for the Goodfellow SAPR Program through the Teal Rope Program. I will actively promote sexual assault prevention, dignity, and respect. If approached by a peer, I will provide accurate information about SAPR services and immediately connect them with the SAPR Program. I understand that I am not a confidential reporting agent and cannot accept reports of sexual assault or sexual harassment. I will never ask for details of an incident, nor will I keep disclosures to myself. I will ensure every individual is given access to a SARC or Victim Advocate, preserving their choice and safety. I will model professionalism, discretion, and integrity at all times, knowing that my conduct reflects directly on the SAPR Program and the Air Force Core Values.

Print Name

Sign & date