

# SAPR Talking Point 2: SAPR Reporting Options\*

- ❖ **Unrestricted Report:** Investigated and command authorities notified.
- ❖ **Restricted Report\*\*:** Confidential, not investigated, can be made to Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Volunteer VA, or health care provider.
- ❖ **Reporting Outside the Chain of Command:** A victim is not required to first notify his or her commander prior to making a report, and should not if the alleged perpetrator is the commander (or equivalent) or otherwise in the victim's chain of command. Victims have the opportunity to go outside the chain of command to report the offense to others, including (unrestricted reports only):
  - Their next senior commanding officer
  - Commanders outside the chain of command
  - Office of Special Investigations (OSI) or an Inspector General (IG)
  - DoD Safe Helpline
- ❖ **Independent Investigation:** If information about a sexual assault comes to a commander's attention from a source other than a victim, that commander must immediately report the matter to an MCIO and an investigation may be initiated based on that independently acquired information.
  - Victims who previously made a Restricted Report can maintain that Restricted Report and *can elect not to participate in the investigation.*
  - If a SARC is notified of an independent investigation and the victim has not signed a DD Form 2910 electing a Restricted Report, the SARC must inform the victim that the option to file a Restricted Report is no longer available.
- ❖ **Mandatory Reporters** for sexual assault include: Commanders, chain of command (includes supervisors, supervisory chain, First Sergeants), AF Instructors (with exception of USAFA instructors), and law enforcement.
- ❖ **Sexual Harassment:** not the same as sexual assault, but is are along the same continuum of harm. Sexual harassment involves:
  - Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.
  - Complaints of sexual harassment can be reported to the Equal Opportunity Office or Command.
  - Sexual harassment may be civil or criminal (UCMJ).

\*Sexual assaults that occur between intimate, married, or dating partners or when the victim is below the age of 18 are to be reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) (Director of Psychological Health for ANG). See AFI 90-6001 for definitions and additional information.

\*\*Exceptions to confidentiality of Restricted Reports can be found on page 16.