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Inter-Departmental Memorandum

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TO: All Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Employees

FROM: Brigadier General James D. Campbell, Commissioner/Adjutant General

SUBJECT: DVEM Policy 13-04, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

This memorandum of policy is effective immediately and remains in effect until renewed or revoked.

1. The Department of Defense Veterans and Emergency Management will continue to implement a comprehensive program that focuses on increasing sexual assault awareness through prevention and education, victim centered support, intimidation free reporting, thorough investigation, and accountability for those who commit sexual crimes.
2. Sexual assault has a devastating and often lasting impact on the victim, co-workers, and all members of our community. A sexual assault occurring within the department will not be tolerated. I will take all available measures to bring perpetrators of these assaults to justice and support victims that bravely come forward to report the crime. All reports of sexual assault in the department will be brought the attention law enforcement and trained investigators. Sexual predators must know that this behavior will not be overlooked or condoned in any way.
3. I expect every leader in our organization to promote a positive climate in which the victim has trust and confidence in the chain of command or management to respond appropriately. Victims and survivors will be treated with the utmost dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy. Leaders will follow their organization's established reporting and referral procedures utilizing law enforcement, medical facilities, legal offices, and advocate services.
4. For definitions and more information employees can reference to Title 17-A: Maine Criminal Code, Chapter 11: Sex Assaults at <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/17-A/title17-Ach11sec0.html>. Enclosure 1 provides a comprehensive list of in-state resources. The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault is available 24/7 at 1-800-871-7741.

Encl
Maine Sexual Assault Resources

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Brigadier General James D. Campbell
Commissioner and The Adjutant General

Maine Sexual Assault Resources

The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)

Statewide Crisis and Support Line 1-800-871-7741 TTY 1-888-458-5599

By calling the statewide number, your call will be automatically directed to your local center.

MECASA Member Centers:

AMHC Sexual Assault Services (AMHC SAS)

Serving Aroostook County

www.amhc.org

Downeast Sexual Assault Services (DSAS)

Serving Hancock & Washington Counties

www.downeasthealth.org

Rape Response Services (RRS)

Serving Penobscot & Piscataquis Counties

www.rrsonline.org

Safe Campus Project (SCP), University of Maine, Orono

Serving the University of Maine Community

www.umaine.edu/safecampusproject

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services (SAPARS)

Serving Androscoggin, Oxford & Franklin Counties

www.sapars.org

REACH, Oxford County

SACC, Androscoggin County

SAVES, Franklin County

Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SAC&SC)

Serving Kennebec & Somerset Counties

www.silentnomore.org

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)

Serving Cumberland & York Counties

www.sarsonline.org

Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine (SASSMM)

Serving Eastern Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Knox, Waldo & Lincoln Counties

www.sassmm.org

Maine Sexual Assault Resources

United Somali Women of Maine

207.753.0061

www.uswofmaine.org

Other Sexual Violence Services

Maliseet Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program

207.532.6401

Penobscot Nation, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

207.631.4886

Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations

1.877.853.2613

Additional Sexual Violence Resources

Maine Army National Guard - SARC

The Maine Army National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is designed to help prevent and respond to sexual assault among members of the military in Maine.

<http://www.me.ngb.army.mil/family/sarc.php>

Maine Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry website is maintained by the Maine State Police, State Bureau of Identification and is intended to provide the public information concerning the location of registered offenders currently within Maine. The registration information contained on the Maine Sex Offender Registry is updated on a daily basis to reflect the most current information on file with the State Bureau of Identification.

<http://sor.informe.org/sor/>

Maine Attorney General

The Maine Attorney General represents the State of Maine and its agencies in civil actions; prosecuting claims to recover money for the State; investigating and prosecuting homicides and other crimes; consulting with and advising the district attorneys; enforcing proper application of funds given to public charities in the State; and giving written opinions upon questions of law submitted by the Governor, Legislature, or state agencies. Additional information about the Maine Attorney General can be found at the following website address.

www.maine.gov/ag/

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence seeks to create and encourage a social, political, and economic environment in which domestic violence no longer exists, and to ensure that all people affected by domestic abuse and violence are supported and that batterers are held accountable. MCEDV mobilizes and coordinates community action through a statewide network of domestic violence projects.

<http://www.mcedv.org/>

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Maine Victim Witness Advocates

Victim Witness Advocates work within the criminal justice system to provide support to crime victims in dealing with the inconvenience and anxiety of going to court and understanding the often confusing procedures of the criminal justice process. This website lists information specifically relating to Maine Victim Witness Advocates.

<http://www.mainevwa.org/>

Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project

The Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) coordinates the volunteer efforts of Maine attorneys and community members to help low-income people navigate the civil justice system. They provide free information, brief assistance, and pro bono legal representation in civil legal matters to qualifying clients. Their volunteers give low-income Mainers the tools and the knowledge to be equal participants in the legal system.

<http://www.vlp.org/>

Penquis Law Project

The Penquis Law Project is a public interest law practice which seeks to create access to civil legal services for low- and moderate-income residents of Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Knox Counties who would otherwise be without counsel and/ or representation. Legal assistance is provided in matters of domestic relations, including divorce, protection from abuse, child support, and visitation.

http://www.penquis.org/index.php?cPath=119_196

Pine Tree Legal Assistance

Pine Tree Legal Assistance is a nonprofit corporation established in 1966 by private attorneys in Maine to promote access to justice by providing high quality free legal assistance responsive to the immediate needs of individual low-income clients and to address the long-range barriers to justice affecting low-income people in Maine.

<http://www.ptla.org/ptlasite/index.html>

Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program

The Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program provides training and technical assistance for healthcare providers that care for patients who have suffered sexual assault, and in the use of the Maine sex crimes kit for collection of evidence. This national model utilizes an interdisciplinary, community-based approach for the dignified and compassionate care and treatment of sexual assault patients. The SAFE Program is under the jurisdiction of the Maine Attorney General's Office. This link provides more information on the program.

http://www.maine.gov/ag/crime/safe_program.shtml

University of Maine Safe Campus Project

The University of Maine's Safe Campus Project works to promote a safe community for everyone. The program works to reduce sexual assault, relationship abuse, and stalking by encouraging healthy and consensual relationships. The Safe Campus Project provides workshops and presentations focusing on the areas of sexual violence, relationship abuse, and stalking to any group via request. More information can be found at the following website address.

<http://umaine.edu/safecampusproject/>

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University of Southern Maine Campus Safety Project

The USM Campus Safety Project is university-wide effort to promote healthy relationships at USM by providing prevention education and response training on sexual harassment, assault, stalking, and relationship abuse for students, faculty, and staff and coordinating campus and community-based programs and services.

<http://usm.maine.edu/wgs/resources.html>

Maine Department of Corrections Victim Services

This website accesses the information provided by the Department of Corrections for victims of crime. The information includes, but is not limited to, sentencing information, anticipated date of release, place of confinement, and restitution status of those convicted of crimes relating to the victim. <http://www.maine.gov/corrections/VictimServices/index.htm>

Maine District Attorneys

District attorneys work with law enforcement and represent the government in prosecuting criminal offenses. A list of districts is listed below.

- 1st Prosecutorial District Attorney (York) 207.324.8001
- 2nd Prosecutorial District Attorney (Cumberland) 207.871.8384
- 3rd Prosecutorial District Attorney (Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford) 207.784.1397
- 4th Prosecutorial District Attorney (Kennebec/Somerset) 207.753.2500
- 5th Prosecutorial District Attorney (Penobscot/Piscataquis) 207.942.8552
- 6th Prosecutorial District Attorney (Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo) 207.594.0424
- 7th Prosecutorial District Attorney (Hancock/Washington) 207.667.4621
- 8th Prosecutorial District Attorney (Aroostook) 207.498.2557

Maine Secretary of State Address Confidentiality Program

The Address Confidentiality Program is administered by the Secretary of State and provides an important service to residents of the State of Maine who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The ACP provides a designated address to victims who have moved to a new location unknown to their abuser. It also provides participants with a free first-class confidential mail forwarding service. This website provides additional information.

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/acp/>

Maine State Computer Crimes Unit

The Maine State Police Computer Crimes Unit (formerly Maine Computer Crimes Task Force) is a multi-jurisdictional entity designed to primarily assist law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Maine with the investigation and prosecution of computer crimes. Computer crimes are those in which a computer is used as an instrument in committing, or assisting in the commission of a crime, or in which the computer is a target of a criminal act. Additional information about the Maine State Computer Crimes Unit can be found at the following website address.

<http://www.mcctf.org/>

Child Abuse Action Network

The Child Abuse Action Network is a multidisciplinary task force comprised of individuals from selected disciplines involved in handling child abuse and neglect cases. They publish information

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on child abuse and neglect, provide training, develop necessary resources, and create awareness. Their mission is to enhance the knowledge and skills of professionals who intervene in child abuse and neglect.

<http://www.childabuseactionnetwork.com/>

Legal Services for the Elderly

LSE provides persons age 60 and over with free legal advice regarding health care, health insurance, Medicare (including Part D), MaineCare (Medicaid), Social Security and other public benefits, pension and retirement benefits, powers of attorney, consumer matters including creditor and bankruptcy problems, physical and financial abuse, guardianship defense, and other issues.

<http://www.mainelse.org/>

Elder Justice Partners

Formed in 2006 with funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, the purpose of the Elder Justice Partners is to improve responses to elder abuse cases through professional trainings; and review policies and protocols that impact elder victim safety and offender accountability.

<http://www.elderjusticepartners.org/>

Maliseet Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program

The mission of the Maliseet Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program is to effect change within their Tribal community where equality, respect, and nonviolence become cornerstones of all relationships. The Maliseet Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program is dedicated to ending violence against Native women by assisting victims in regaining personal safety and control of their life, ensuring accountability of perpetrators of violence within the Tribal and non-tribal Law enforcements and judicial systems, and promoting peaceful relations in Tribal families and Community.

http://www.maliseets.com/domestic_violence.htm

Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations

The mission of Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations is to effect change within their Tribal community where equality, respect, and nonviolence become cornerstones of all relationships. Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations is dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault by assisting victims in regaining personal safety and control of their life, ensuring accountability of offenders within the Tribal and non-Tribal law enforcement and judicial systems, and promoting peaceful relations in their Tribal community.

<http://www.wabanaki.com/Passamaquoddy%20Peaceful%20Relations.htm>

Penobscot Nation, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

The Penobscot Nation Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Program strives to provide services to victims of abuse that are cultural, traditional, and victim-based in a fair and non-judgmental way; that will encourage and foster healthy relationships, which will provide safety for victims while holding offenders accountable, and further the Nation's dedication to establishing and ensuring a safe community.

<http://www.penobscotnation.org/>

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United Somali Women of Maine

The mission of United Somali Women of Maine (USWM) is to promote empowerment and a multi-cultural environment that raises the strength of Somali women and girls by serving as cultural brokers, barrier reducers, skill enhancers, and problem solvers.

<http://www.uswofmaine.org/>

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)

The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project seeks to advocate for and to improve the status and well-being of Maine's low-income noncitizens and their families by providing affordable legal services, and by educating and working with service providers, policy makers, and the public concerning legal issues unique to noncitizens.

<http://www.ilapmaine.org/>

Language Access for New Americans (LANA)

Language Access for New Americans (LANA) aims to improve access to services in Maine for refugees and immigrants with limited English skills by improving the quality and increasing the number of interpreters and translators.

<http://www.lanamaine.org>