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MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers and Airmen of the Georgia Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Georgia Department of Defense Sexual Assault Policy

1. Sexual Assault is the most under-reported violent crime in our society at large and in the military. Sexual assault has a devastating and lasting effect on the victim who is a fellow Guardsman. Sexual assault degrades mission readiness, effects unit retention and tears at unit cohesion and morale. Every member of a unit and the Georgia National Guard can be adversely affected. Sexual assault has no place in the Georgia Department of Defense and we are committed to prevention of this crime. Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated in the Georgia National Guard.
2. The Georgia National Guard fully supports the Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) programs and policies. The SAPR program is a command and leadership responsibility.
3. Leaders at every level in the Georgia National Guard will promote a positive command climate so that victims have the confidence in their chain of command to come forward to report sexual assaults immediately. The Georgia National Guard is committed to ensuring victims of sexual assaults are protected, treated with dignity, and shown respect for their privacy. Victims will be provided support, advocacy, and care.
4. Georgia National Guard leaders will fully assist victims through referral to medical facilities, legal offices, chaplain services, civilian investigating authorities, civilian counseling services and other victim assistance programs. Leaders will utilize Georgia National Guard Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) and Victim Advocates (VA) in all reports of sexual assault.
5. Point of Contact is LTC (Ret) Charles L. Moulton, Human Resources Office, 678-569-6433, DSN 338-6433, Cell 404- 428- 9183, email Charles.moulton@ga.ngb.army.mil.

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