

**COMMANDING OFFICER  
INFORMATION GROUP  
II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE STATEMENT**



**Sexual assault is a crime that will not be tolerated in this command. It is a violation of basic human dignity and must be eliminated from within our ranks. The II MEF Information Group is both a warfighting organization and a family. Family members take care of one another with the utmost loyalty. Every Marine, Sailor, Soldier, and civilian within the Group will vigilantly endeavor to look out for one another's welfare and eradicate this behavior at every turn. Through preventive measures and the UCMJ, we will identify and hold perpetrators accountable.**

**Sexual assault is defined as an intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is incapacitated or unconscious. Sexual assault includes but is not limited to rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault, or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or the age of the victim.**

**If you are a victim of sexual assault, contact your command Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), health care provider, chaplain, and/or Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). You will be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy. These individuals have confidentiality and can help you with a restricted or unrestricted report. Additional guidance on victims of sexual assault is available in MCO 1752.5B. You may also call the Camp Lejeune 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Line at 910-750-5852.**

**Within the II MEF Information Group family, you have both a moral and professional obligation to report any occurrences of sexual assault. We must deny these criminals from serving within our ranks as well as deny them any opportunity to commit these acts. Those who commit acts of sexual assault will be held accountable. Together, we will help to defeat this personal victimization and foster the atmosphere of dignity, respect, and professional conduct that all personnel deserve.**

  
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