



Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

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Agenda



- Opening remarks
- Topic Discussion
 - Reporting
 - **Systems Response (ADMINISTRATIVE, CRIMINAL, CIVIL)**
 - Systems Response (ADVOCACY AND MH SERVICES)
 - Prevention
- Closing remarks



Opening Remarks



- Data Review
- Timeline
 - OCT 5 (0900-1200)
 - **OCT 20 (1300-1600) Room 600**
 - **NOV 3 (1300-1600) Room 500**





SYSTEMS RESPONSE – ADMINISTRATIVE, CRIMINAL, CIVIL
Covering Topics: C, D, E, F, H, I, J, K





SYSTEMS RESPONSE



C. Identify state resources available to respond to and prevent sexual trauma within the Maine National Guard;

Examples:

- Prevention Team
- SAPR/VA/SVC/Provost Marshal/EO/BH/JAG
- EO:
 - ❖ TAG 21-04; Maine National Guard Policy on Equal Employment Opportunity
 - ❖ TAG 21-09; Maine National Guard Policy on Equal Opportunity
 - ❖ TAG 21-12; Military Procedures for Discrimination and Harassment Request for Resolution (Complaints)
 - ❖ TAG 21-13; Prevention of Sexual Harassment



SYSTEMS RESPONSE



D. Improve communication between the Maine National Guard, state, county, and local law enforcement, and prosecutors regarding investigation and prosecution of criminal acts between members of the Maine National Guard;

Examples:

- Implement new procedure of Provost Marshal reporting through DA Office (DV and Sexual Assault investigator)
- Provost Marshal attendance at DA Meetings
- Provost Marshal attendance at Regional Chiefs of Police Meetings
- Provost Marshal attendance at Sheriffs Association Meetings



SYSTEMS RESPONSE



E. Ensure that relevant violations of the Military Code of Justice are communicated to Maine Authorities;

Examples:

- Pre-Command course
- JAG involvement for guidance to Commanders
- SIR Form





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SYSTEMS RESPONSE



F. Propose an amendment to 17-A M.R.S. § 506-A, Harassment, in order for the courts to recognize military orders to cease harassment;

Amendment submitted in H.P. 1511 - L.D. 2029 (See documents)

Sec. B-4. 17-A MRSA §506-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 246, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) After having been notified, in writing or otherwise, while the person was a member of the National Guard, not to engage in such conduct by a commanding officer. A person violates this subparagraph regardless of whether the person is a member of the National Guard when the person engages in the conduct and regardless of where the conduct occurs. The notification not to engage in such conduct expires one year from the date of issuance





SYSTEMS RESPONSE



H. Identify a process that will ensure survivors have an opportunity to communicate problems they have experienced during the reporting and investigative process and ensure this input from survivors is incorporated into any Maine National Guard policy changes or actions;

Examples:

- SARC looking to coordinate an anonymous survey through MECASA for feedback.
- Coordination through SVC/SARC/VA/Provost Marshal/Command to have issues discussed
- Sexual Assault Case Management Group Meeting
- Open discussion/Ideas from Advisory Council Members



SYSTEMS RESPONSE



I. Improve communication between survivors of military sexual trauma, state prosecutors and state, county, and local law enforcement

Examples:

- Provost Marshal communication with DA Office
- Provost Marshal Involvement in meetings
- Open discussion/Ideas from Advisory Council Members





SYSTEMS RESPONSE



J. Identify ways the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management can increase its involvement in the state's response to sexual trauma in order to better inform its internal policies

Examples:

- New reporting through DA Office
- Involvement with MECASA with Survey
- Collection of information through DA Office for reporting to OCI



SYSTEMS RESPONSE



K. Identify federal policies and resources, including those of the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau, available to support efforts to respond to sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard

- Memo provided last meeting

EO Policies:

- DoD Instruction 1350.2, DoD Military Equal Opportunity (MEO) Program
- DoD Instruction 1020.03 - Harassment Prevention and Response in the Armed Forces
- CNGBN 9600- EEO Complaint Processing and Reporting Guidance (10 May 2017)
- NGR 600-21 – EO Program in the ARNG





Review and Questions?

