

ROLE OF THE COMMANDER SUBCOMMITTEE
ASSESSMENT OUTLINE: COMMANDER OVERSIGHT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
PREVENTION

SUBCOMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT:

Assess the role and effectiveness of commanders at all levels in the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of crimes involving adult sexual assault and related offenses, under 10 U.S.C. § 920 (Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)).

SUBCOMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE:

- Assess the roles and effectiveness of commanders at all levels in preventing sexual assault and responding to reports of adult sexual assault crimes, including the role of a commander under Article 60, UCMJ.
- Examine the roles and effectiveness of commanders at all levels in the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of adult sexual assault crimes during the period of 2007 through 2011.
- Assess the strengths and weaknesses of current and proposed legislative initiatives to modify the current role of commanders in the administration of military justice and the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of adult sexual assault crimes.

ISSUE: *Assess commander prevention programs and efforts within DoD and the Services.*

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:

I. Public Health Approach to Sexual Assault Prevention

- a. Sources of prevention strategy information and research
 - i. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - ii. Academic/Campus/Public Interest Organizations
- b. Consensus and debates in current research
 - i. Common principles of prevention strategy (9 principles of prevention)
 - ii. Myths and popular misconceptions about sexual violence (e.g., “predators”, heterogeneous offender “profiles”)
 - iii. Current gaps in research
- c. Effective prevention approaches and programs
 - i. Continuum of prevention effectiveness
 - ii. Ineffective prevention approaches (one-session educational/awareness programs)
 - iii. Effective risk factor prevention strategies
 1. Bystander intervention
 2. Alcohol policies

II. DoD Sexual Assault Prevention Strategies

- a. Evolution of DoD’s prevention strategies and efforts
 - i. DoD SAPRO 2008 Prevention Strategy
 - ii. DoD SAPRO 2013 Strategic Plan
- b. DoD consultation with CDC and public/private sector organizations

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- c. DoD and Service prevention policies and requirements
 - i. Manpower and resourcing
 - ii. Commander and service member training requirements
 - iii. Installation-level initiatives
- d. Prevention program effectiveness and assessment
 - i. Best practices
 - ii. DoD SAPRO prevention metrics
 - iii. Assessment and methods for institutionalizing local initiatives and best practices

III. Commander/Installation-Level Prevention Strategies

- a. Installation prevention initiatives
- b. Commander cooperation/coordination with victim support agencies
- c. Prevention of reprisal against alleged victims and accused perpetrators
- d. Expedited transfer requests (accused and/or alleged victim)

IV. Subcommittee Findings

V. Subcommittee Recommendations