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MEMORANDUM FOR Fort Gordon Military and Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 76 – Reporting Point of Contact for Domestic Abuse and/or Child Abuse or Neglect

1. Reference Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 3-3.
2. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) mission is to prevent and reduce domestic/intimate partner abuse, child abuse, child neglect. An intricate element is to promote strong, resilient Soldiers and Families by establishing information and educational programs and supportive services. The FAP mission also includes ensuring prompt reporting, assessment and investigation of incidents of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected Family Members.
3. Army Regulation 608-18, directs each installation commander to delegate a report point of contact (RPOC), an established reporting system for handling all domestic and child abuse incidents. In previous years, the RPOC for Fort Gordon was Social Work Services (SWS), Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center. However, in an effort to establish a more comprehensive response, effective immediately, the Directorate of Emergency Services has been designated as the RPOC for Fort Gordon.
4. Reports should be made 24/7 to the Military Police desk by calling 706-791-4380. In the event an agency, other than the MP desk, receives the report, the call should be immediately re-directed to the RPOC. Re-directing the telephone call will facilitate the RPOC in gathering the relevant information for a timely response.
5. There are two reporting options for adult victims of domestic abuse. The unrestricted reporting option allows the victim to report an incident, therefore, the chain of command and law enforcement are notified. Details regarding the incident will be limited only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know. The victim and alleged offender can expect the unit commander to initiate the mandatory 72 hour no contact order, which allows each party a cooling off period. All agencies (to include SWS and victim advocacy) on Fort Gordon will report unrestricted domestic abuse incidents to the RPOC, by calling 706-791-4380.
6. The restricted reporting option allows the adult victim to share the incident information with specific personnel/agencies without triggering chain of command and law enforcement. The adult domestic abuse victims may access the restricted reporting option by contacting a Health Care Provider (to include Social Work Services

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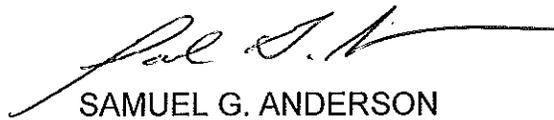
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706-787-3656), a Victim Advocate 706-791-STOP (7867), or their unit Chaplain. It is essential to utilize these channels when requesting to file a restricted report. If the incident is reported to the RPOC (MP desk), an investigation will be initiated and chain of command will be notified, thus negating the opportunity to utilize the restricted reporting option. Information reported using the restricted reporting option will be held in confidence, thus neither chain of command, nor law enforcement will be notified. The restricted reporting option does not pertain to child abuse cases.

7. As adults, we have a responsibility to ensure children are protected and nurtured. Any case of known or suspected child abuse/child neglect should immediately be reported to the RPOC. The alleged offender of a child abuse incident can expect to be removed from the home until the completion of the investigation/assessment.

8. Taking care of Families is essential to promoting Command readiness and Family well being. It is imperative the Fort Gordon community works together in order to prevent Family violence and report the violence once it occurs. We can enhance the lives of military Families by working together.

9. The Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is the proponent for this Policy Memorandum.



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This memorandum supersedes Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 76– Reporting Point of Contact for Domestic Abuse and/or Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect, dated 2 April 2013.