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**Sexual Assault Prevention and Response – Fleet (SAPR-F) Master Mobile
Training Teams preparing to deploy**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. -- Master Mobile Training Teams from the Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Task Force are preparing to deploy worldwide to provide SAPR-F (Fleet) Preparation Training to command training teams, Navy officials said Dec. 7.

The SAPR-F training is the latest event in the Navy's aggressive efforts to prevent sexual assaults and promote essential culture changes within the force. The 20 SAPR-F Master Mobile Training Teams (MMTTs) will deploy around the globe starting Dec. 6 to provide SAPR-F Preparation Training to designated mid-level leadership command training teams in fleet concentration areas and locations with significant Navy presence. These teams will then deliver the SAPR-F training to their E-6 and below personnel, which must be completed at each command by March 31.

Capt. William Marvel, chief of staff for the SAPR Task Force, explained that the MMTT preparatory training will enable the command training teams to provide valuable SAPR-F training to Sailors at every command throughout the Navy.

"These MMTTs are modeled after the very successful MMTTs that deployed globally in support of SAPR-Leadership training. They will provide individual command

training teams with the tools necessary to stimulate an open conversation to reinforce Sailor commitment and encourage them to intervene with other Sailors to reduce sexual assaults and promote a culture of respect, trust and professionalism in our force," said Marvel. "SAPR-F continues the storyline from SAPR-L, but is reoriented to focus on Bystander Intervention, emphasize the importance of disrupting the continuum of harm and recognize misplaced loyalties."

The MMTT training is coordinated and hosted by the Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) and will help ensure a consistent message reaches the force -- sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated in the Navy, according to Marvel.

"The SAPR-F training uses video vignettes and facilitated face-to-face discussion to provide command leaders the tools to develop and promote a culture of change," said Capt. John Newcomer, CPPD commanding officer. "We've put a lot of time and effort into working with our contractor to ensure that the training is innovative, effective and relevant with today's Sailors, making sure they can relate to the scenarios in the video."

More than 1,000 face-to-face SAPR-F Preparation Training sessions are scheduled starting in mid-December and running through mid-January, providing training for active and reserve component training teams. Those teams that are deployed and unable to attend a face-to-face training session can receive the training via Defense Connect Online. After command training teams provide the SAPR-F training to their E-6 and below, each command is responsible for documenting completion via the Fleet Training Management Planning System (FLTMPS).

LT Erich Hill, assigned team leader for one of the Pacific Fleet MMTTs, will present some of the first SAPR-F training sessions, starting at Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton, Wash.

"The MMTT session was very effective and really prepared me to lead the SAPR-F training. The materials were spot on, and the group dynamic and critique format of the MMTT session was really thought out and greatly appreciated. I'm excited to go back to the Northwest and train the command teams."

Sexual assault prevention is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, which builds resiliency to hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Department of the Navy.

Additional information on the MMTT and SAPR-F training efforts can be found at the SAPR L/F training Web pages, including command registration for SAPR-F training: <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/sapr/Pages/training.aspx>.

For more information about Navy SAPR, visit www.sapr.navy.mil.

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