



**Commanding Officer
Naval Base Ventura County**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY STATEMENT

Domestic violence is incompatible with Navy core values and our high standard of professional and personal discipline. Domestic violence ruins families, harms individuals, and undermines fleet readiness. Domestic violence is not caused or excused by alcohol, stress, deployments, or victim behavior. We do not tolerate domestic violence at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC). Leaders at every level have a duty to take appropriate steps to prevent domestic violence and protect victims.

In order to assist in combating domestic violence, NBVC has established a proactive Family Advocacy Program (FAP) with the Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC). Prevention of domestic violence is the primary goal of FAP. Prevention requires early intervention, and is directly dependent upon the diligence of our leadership in recognizing potential problems and taking appropriate action. NBVC's FAP provides Individual Counseling, Couple's Counseling, Men's Group, Anger and Stress Management, Communication Skills, New Parent Support, and other treatment services and referrals, including Substance Abuse Rehabilitation to intervene in incidents before they escalate to domestic violence.

Victims have reporting options for incidents of domestic violence, restricted and unrestricted reporting. Restricted reports are confidential and will be managed within the FAP, but will not have command involvement. Restricted reports must be made to specified individuals (FFSC clinical staff or Domestic Violence Victim Advocates). Unrestricted reports will be managed through the standard FAP protocols. Commanding officers are required to report all unrestricted incidents of domestic violence and offenders will be held accountable.

NBVC has also established an Incident Determination Committee. Their charter is to review potential or actual cases of domestic violence, and provide a determination as to whether the alleged abuse "meets" or "does not meet" the Department of Defense Criteria for Spouse/Intimate Partner or Child Abuse. Once the case determination has been made, a Clinical Case Staff Meeting will be held for the purpose of safety planning, supportive services, clinical treatment, periodic case reviews, and case closures.

When prevention fails, the FAP's focus is on addressing the needs of the victim(s) and holding the perpetrator accountable for their actions. A range of services are available, depending on the circumstances. Military Protective Orders and Temporary Restraining Orders may be obtained and enforced. Military justice may be applied through Non-Judicial Punishment or Court-Martial. Transitional Assistance Compensation is available to families when the service member is discharged for domestic violence.

NBVC is committed to the prevention of domestic violence to ensure the quality of life for our Sailors and their families, and to optimize fleet readiness.

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