



Commanding Officer Naval Base Ventura County



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY STATEMENT

Domestic Violence (DV) is incompatible with Navy core values and our high standard of professional and personal discipline. DV ruins families, harms individuals, and undermines fleet readiness. DV 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 DV 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.

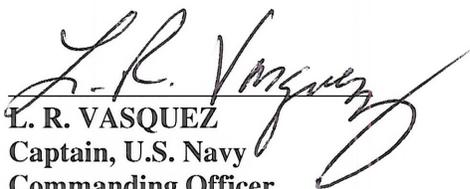
Victims have reporting options for incidents of domestic violence, restricted and unrestricted reporting. Restricted reports are confidential and will be managed within the Family Advocacy Program, but will not have command involvement. Restricted reports must be made to specified individuals (FFSC staff, victim advocates or healthcare personnel). Unrestricted reports will be managed through the standard Family Advocacy Program protocols. Commanding officers are required to report all unrestricted incidents of domestic violence and offenders will be held accountable.

NBVC has also established a Case Review Committee that consists of Command Family Advocacy Representatives and counseling and medical professionals. Their charter is to review potential or actual cases of domestic violence, and provide recommendations to commands for appropriate action. Commands are encouraged to address DV by:

- Issuing written policy statements that DV will not be tolerated.
- Appointing a trained Command Family Advocacy Representative.
- Ensuring utilization of FAP services as appropriate.
- Holding perpetrators of DV accountable for their actions.

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. In case when the service member is discharged for domestic violence, families are eligible for Transitional Assistance Compensation.

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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