



# Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

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# Agenda



- Opening remarks
- Topic Discussion
  - **Reporting**
  - Systems Response (ADMINISTRATIVE, CRIMINAL, CIVIL)
  - Systems Response (ADVOCACY AND MH SERVICES)
  - Prevention
- Closing remarks



# Opening Remarks



- Data Review
- Timeline
  - SEP 20 (1300-1600)
  - OCT 5 (0900-1200)
  - OCT 20 (0900-1200)
  - **NOV 3 (~~0900-1200~~)**
    - » (1300-1600)





# REPORTING

Covering Topics: A, B, H, J, K

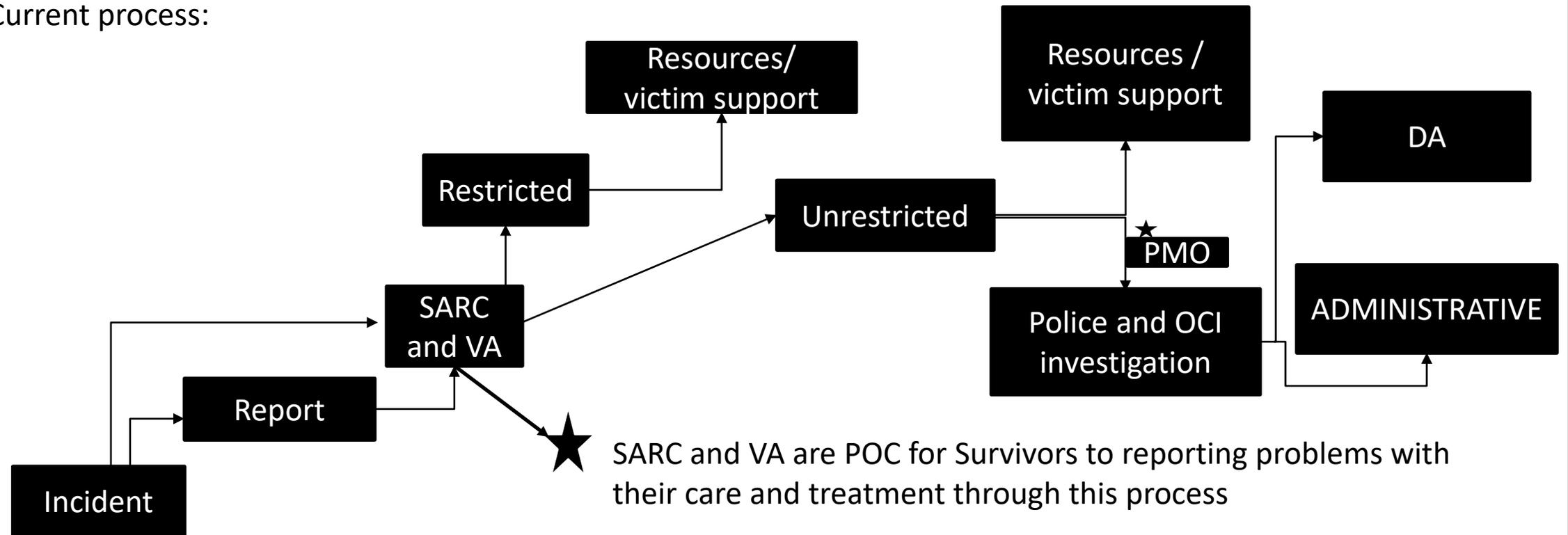


# Reporting



## A. Identify best practices in reporting sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard

Current process:



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## B. Identify barriers (List is not exhaustive) to reporting sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard

### Examples:

- Lack of awareness of programs or assistance available for reporting
- Lack of awareness/or fear of how report will be managed (ie. Restricted vs un-restricted/ legal options and processes etc..)
- Fear of reprisal
- Fear of stigma amongst peers and/or leaders
- Fear of lack of confidentiality/anonymity
- Re-traumatization and/or a triggering of trauma by having to tell or re-tell their experience/traumatic event
- Fear of the 'subject' of the assault/safety issue

Further discussion for the council



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**H. Identify a process that will ensure survivors have an opportunity to communicate problems they have experienced during the reporting and investigative process and ensure this input from survivors is incorporated into any Maine National Guard policy changes or actions**

Examples:

- SVC
  - SARC
  - VA
  - JAG Internal SYNC (Improvement on legal process)
- } Sexual Assault Case Management Group Meeting (SACMG)



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**J. Identify ways the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management can increase its involvement in the state's response to sexual trauma in order to better inform its internal policies;**

Topics for further discussion:

- Additional Law Enforcement POC to help with jurisdiction issues
  - Improvements in the process of releasing reports involving Soldiers in the National Guard to the Provost Marshal.
  - Involvement on Reginal Chiefs Meeting
  - Involvement in DA Conference for meet and greet
- Adding related Departments and DA into our Sexual Assault Case Management Group Meetings for situational awareness on cases



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**K. Identify federal policies and resources, including those of the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau, available to support efforts to respond to sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard;**

Topics for further discussion:

- See Memorandum provided on Policies and Regulations
- CATCH Program





# Review and Questions?

