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SUBJECT: Domestic Violence

The men and women of America's Air Force are renowned for exemplifying the highest of values and principles. The vast majority of our personnel live by these standards each and every day. Unfortunately, there are a few among us who, by their unacceptable actions, fail to live up to those standards. Domestic violence is one such example, which has no place in our Air Force and will not be tolerated.

We must all be watchful for the signs of domestic violence and act to end this blight on our community. Leaders at all levels are responsible for protecting victims, initiating investigations, assessing criminality, and holding offenders accountable. The Family Advocacy Program is the commander's primary resource to prevent, intervene, and treat abusive behavior within Air Force families. I expect commanders to take appropriate action on offenders who commit domestic violence.

It is critical that all Air Force installations strengthen their coordinated community response to domestic violence. All active duty and family members must be aware of local military and civilian resources for preventing family violence, procedures for responding to it, and the support services available to those in need. At the base level, our professionals work together as a team to address family violence and other quality of life issues through our Integrated Delivery System (IDS) model. The IDS will be instrumental in getting the word out.

Each of us must ensure all of our members understand that domestic violence is inconsistent with Air Force values and will not be tolerated. This policy is essential to the well being of our Air Force families and our overall mission readiness.

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