

Commanding General Opening Remarks (1 APR Media Round Table)

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Good afternoon, I'm Major General Ken Kamper. I am the Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. Thank you for joining us today.

This past Saturday, a Soldier currently assigned to Fort Sill reported she was the victim of sexual assault involving Fort Sill cadre members. This information was immediately reported to law enforcement, and Special Agents from our Criminal Investigative Division (CID) conducted their initial interview that very same day. CID conducted follow-up interviews on Monday, the 29th, and have continued those interviews every day since.

This soldier, who came forward with allegations of sexual assault, is absolutely safe, she has a Special Victim's Counsel, and access to all victim services. I have personally met with this Soldier and her SVC -- we're proud of the courage she displayed in coming forward with these allegations. We will stay connected to this Soldier and her family and provide them with on-going updates. We are also committed to protecting the privacy of this Soldier.

The cadre potentially involved in this allegation have been suspended from their normal duties, removed from any trainee environment, and are all presumed innocent pending a full and thorough investigation.

We are fully committed to ensuring a full and thorough investigation. We'll protect the integrity of the investigation and the rights of all those involved.

We have requested from our Army, and already received additional support from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

The thought of something like this happening in our Army, here at Ft. Sill, deeply saddens me. Every single Soldier deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. We will not tolerate sexual assault, as it tears at the fabric of our community.

We take these allegations very seriously and have taken immediate and substantial actions to ensure a full and thorough investigation in order to pursue justice with any and all appropriate actions.

We will provide further updates as we are able, while protecting the integrity of the ongoing criminal investigation and the rights of all involved.

With that, I'll take your questions.