



MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

Commanding Officer's Statement on Substance Abuse



Substance abuse is a serious issue that undermines the effective performance and mission success of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. We are an elite unit of professionals that rely on in-depth knowledge, technical and tactical skill, and perspective and experience unique to the United States Marine Corps. We are committed to maintaining a drug-free environment where all Marines and Sailors can perform their duties with honor, courage, and commitment.

The abuse of alcohol and the use, possession, trafficking, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia are strictly prohibited. Such activities are contrary to the values and standards of the Marine Corps and will not be tolerated. Violations will be addressed swiftly and decisively, ensuring that the integrity of our unit is upheld.

Substance abuse not only impacts the individual but also erodes the trust and cohesion within our unit. It is a betrayal of the confidence we place in each other and is counter to our core values. The effects of substance abuse extend beyond the user, affecting their fellow Marines and Sailors, their families, and the entire unit.

Leaders at all levels have a critical role in preventing substance abuse through education, monitoring, and support. It is essential to know your Marines and Sailors, recognize the signs of substance abuse, and intervene early to prevent incidents. Regular training and open communication about the dangers and consequences of substance abuse are vital in maintaining our healthy and effective team that is tasked to train, execute, and conduct all elements of Mountain Warfare.

When substance abuse incidents do occur, they must be handled with care and professionalism. Individuals involved will be referred to Substance Abuse Counseling for evaluation and support. Specific guidelines include prohibiting underage drinking, ensuring responsible alcohol consumption, and investigating all alcohol-related incidents thoroughly.

In summary, maintaining a substance-free environment is essential to our mission readiness and the well-being of our personnel. By working together to educate, monitor, and support each other, we can prevent substance abuse and ensure the continued success of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. Elite warriors do not succumb to the negativities of substance abuse. Protect yourself and the team and stay in the fight!

Semper Fidelis,

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J. T. DOAN
COMMANDING OFFICER