

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT

There is a zero tolerance policy for substance/alcohol abuse in this Battalion. The use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs, or abuse/misuse of prescription drugs and alcohol undermines our core values as well as our leadership traits as Marines. Substance/alcohol abuse degrades our combat readiness, unit morale, and mission accomplishment. In accordance with MCO 5300.17, abuse of alcohol and drugs will not be tolerated in this command. Anyone who tests positive for illegal drug use or is known to distribute or possess illegal drugs will be charged under the UCMJ and will be processed for administrative separation.



Substance abuse is not limited to the use of illegal drugs. Alcohol, prescription medications, over the counter drugs, and synthetic replacements can be just as dangerous as illegal drugs when used in excess or not used as prescribed. Drug and alcohol abuse can reduce a person's capacity to think clearly and hinder their ability to safely perform their assigned duties. Each Marine and Officer of Security Battalion will read, understand, and adhere to the Navy and Marine Corps Substance Abuse Policy and steer clear of any banned substance on the list provided. If you have knowledge of the use, sale, or distribution of drugs or other illegal substance by any member of this Command, you have an obligation to report it immediately to the chain of command, the Battalion Senior Enlisted Advisor or me personally. Failure to do so may result in you being charged under the UCMJ and processed for administrative separation. It is your responsibility to uphold the laws and regulations of this base. Knowing of illegal activity and failing to report it makes you just as guilty as the person committing the offense.

My policies are clear. Do not do anything that will jeopardize yourself, your career, or the reputation of the Marine Corps. Hold yourself, your Marines, and your peers accountable. Most importantly look out for each other and always do the right thing. Security Battalion is here to uphold the laws of the Marine Corps as well as the regulations set upon this base - we are not exempt from these simply because we are law enforcement. Together we can beat this war on substance/alcohol abuse.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cato II".

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