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COMMANDER'S POLICY LETTER 2-15

From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations National Capital Region-Marine
Corps Base Quantico

To: All Hands, Marine Corps Base Quantico

Subj: BASE NON-TACTICAL VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT IDLING POLICY LETTER

Ref: (a) DoDM 4500.36
(b) MCO P11240.106B

1. Purpose. Per the references, this policy establishes an anti-idling policy to promote energy (fossil fuel) conservation, decrease wasteful fuel consumption, reduce air and noise pollution, and reduce non-tactical vehicle/equipment (NTV/E) engine wear and maintenance costs.

2. Cancellation. This letter will remain in effect until revised or when indicated by appropriate authority.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all resident and tenant activities that are provided Class A/B/C NTV/E support from the G-4 Logistics Division, Transportation Branch.

4. Background

a. Excessive or unnecessary idling of NTV/E is wasteful of scarce resources (fuel and money), causes unnecessary wear and tear on the NTV/E engines, increases maintenance costs, and contributes to air and noise pollution. Excessive idling is considered NTV/E misuse/abuse.

b. "Idling" means operating the engine of the NTV/E item while stationary. "Non-tactical vehicle" means any government owned or leased, self-propelled, commercial vehicle item that is required to be registered and have license plates. "Non-tactical equipment" means any government owned or leased, self-powered/person operated, commercial equipment item used in support of installation or activity operations and services.

5. Policy. All units or tenant activities that are resident aboard and receive NTV/E support from Marine Corps Installation National Capital Region-Marine Corps Base Quantico will adhere to the following idling responsibilities and procedures:

a. Operators of NTV/E, to include cargo and passenger vehicles, Material Handling Equipment, and engineer equipment, shall not idle internal combustion engines, regardless of fuel type, for longer than five (5) consecutive minutes.

b. Engine warm-up periods shall not exceed five (5) minutes, provided proper air pressure and other critical settings of vehicle or equipment have been reached.

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c. Engines idling longer than five (5) minutes must be turned off unless the equipment item is performing a mission and the idling of the NTV/E is part of that mission.

d. Excessive idling is considered vehicle or equipment abuse/misuse, and personnel who violate this policy may receive an official citation from Installation Road Masters or be reported on by local command representatives as being in violation.

e. This anti-idling policy does not apply to:

(1) Emergency response units responding to an emergency and performing their intended purpose.

(2) Military Working Dog vehicles, only while the dog is inside the vehicle.

(3) NTV/E stopped in traffic, or at the direction of security/emergency response personnel.

(4) Idling performed during testing, servicing, repairing, or diagnostic evaluations.

(5) Idling necessary to ensure that vehicles and equipment are in safe operating condition.

(6) Idling performed to accomplish secondary functions, such as concrete agitation, load hoisting, power take-off, fuel pump operations, or other necessary equipment functions.

6. Points of contact are the Head or Chief, Transportation Branch, G-4 Logistics Division at 703-784-2900.

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