

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S DRUG POLICY STATEMENT

The Marine Corps' policy is "zero tolerance" on illegal or illicit drug use. I will not tolerate the illegal or illicit use of any drug or substance aboard the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC). Illegal or Illicit drug use does not affect just one person, it affects anyone around the abusing individual and the readiness of this Training Center.



The MCO 5300.17 outlines the policies and procedures that will apply when personnel are suspected of illegal or illicit substance use. This directive will be followed and it will be posted, and briefed, along with this policy.

Illegal or illicit drugs are defined as drugs prohibited by law, or lawful drugs when obtained or used without proper authority, to include abuse of otherwise legal drugs. In essence these are drugs that are outlawed, and any substance that is legal, but used in a manner that is inconsistent with its prescribed use.

All personnel found to be using illegal or illicit substances will be adjudicated per the Uniform Code of Military Justice and processed for administrative separation. Personnel who report someone who is suspected of using illegal or illicit substances will not be prosecuted.

Individuals that are suspected or found to be using illegal or illicit substances will be treated with dignity and respect. They will not be harassed, hazed, or otherwise treated differently from any other Marine. I expect the Marine's leadership to ensure that the individual is assisted in his/her legal processing and, if applicable, rehabilitation efforts.

My point of contact for this policy and all substance abuse related programs and information is the MCMWTC Substance Abuse Control Officer, Gunnery Sergeant Marshall G. Cleveland, 760-932-1411, [marshall.cleveland@usmc.mil](mailto:marshall.cleveland@usmc.mil), who is available to any Marine, Sailor or civilian in this command.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.D. Leonard".

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