

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One Policy Statements

Mission First; Marines, Sailors, and Families Always!



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. Sexual assault is a **CRIME**. You can be a Marine or Sailor or you can be a criminal convicted of a sex crime; you cannot be both. The Marine Corps' Sexual Assault Policy is outlined in MCO **1752.5B** [***Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program***]. Violations of this policy will not be tolerated. Squadron Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVA) and Chaplains are **ALWAYS** available to assist. These Marines and Sailors have been trained to assist sexual assault victims and ensure they receive proper and immediate care. These acts are an attack on **OUR** Corps values. There is no place for sexual assault within our ranks. This crime will not be tolerated within this command.

Prohibited Activities and Conduct (PAC). Marines and Sailors fight side-by-side without regard to race, gender, religion, ethnic background or sexual orientation. We all chose this profession of arms, which includes defending the values that our country holds most sacred. Abuse, harassment or discrimination have no place in this command and will not be tolerated. If there is any doubt as to what constitutes any of these acts, **MCO 5354.1F** defines them in detail. This is a leadership issue and I expect every member of this command to foster an atmosphere free from abuse, harassment or discrimination. If you feel or are aware of someone that has experienced any form of these acts our Equal Opportunity Representatives (EOR) are available to assist at any time.

Suicide Prevention. Suicide is not and should never be considered a viable means of resolving a difficult situation. Suicide transfers one's problems to someone else and creates additional problems. Marines contemplating suicide are in crisis and likely past the point of rational thought. If you sense that another Marine is contemplating suicide, ask them and speak up! If you are in crisis, remember you are not alone. Your MAWTS-1 chain of command, chaplains, medical staff and mentors are available to provide support and assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is our obligation as Marines or Sailors to look out for one another and to take action, if necessary, to prevent a suicide.

Substance Abuse. MCO 5300.17 (***Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program***) states the Marine Corps' **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for substance abuse. The abuse of illegal or over the counter drugs will not be tolerated. If you have or you know of someone who has a substance abuse problem it is **YOUR** duty to seek help. There are many resources available within and external to the chain of command. The Chaplain, medical staff, as well as the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) have been directed by me to always be available.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric D. Purcell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric D. Purcell
Commanding Officer