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Subj: POLICY LETTER REGARDING THE USE OF GARRISON MOBILE
EQUIPMENT FOR SUSTENANCE STOPS

Ref: (a) MCO P11240.106B
(b) MCO 5580.2B
(c) MCO P1020.34G

1. Purpose. To establish policy regarding the use of Garrison Mobile Equipment (GME) by on-duty Security and Emergency Services (SES) Directorate personnel for the purpose of stopping at food locations aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and surrounding locations while on official duty. Reference (a) is the Garrison Mobile Equipment Order; reference (b) is the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Manual; reference (c) is the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations.

2. Per reference (a), GME is for official purposes only. An incidental stop at a fast food establishment while in a Government Owned Vehicle (GOV) is generally considered a personal errand or side trip for unofficial purposes, and therefore not authorized.

3. Reference (b) authorizes the use of GOV emergency response vehicles for sustenance. Exception for incidental use of GOV emergency response vehicles is permitted when Security and Emergency Services (SES) personnel are actively performing duties that take them away from their personal vehicle, e.g. patrolling, emergency work site, etc., and need to subsist or use a restroom. This exception does not include personal banking, shopping, getting a haircut, picking up dry cleaning, etc. All applicable regulations and restrictions pertaining to the wearing of Marine Corps uniforms apply per reference (c). Accordingly, Cherry Point Police, Fire, and EMS personnel in a duty status may make expedient stops at the below listed MCAS Cherry Point locations for the purpose of purchasing sustenance "to go":

a. Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) and commercial food establishments within the MCX.

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b. Commissary.

c. Dining Facility.

d. 7-Day and Convenience Stores.

e. Any Marine Corps Community Services Operated Restaurant,
Snack Bar/Eatery to include Miller's Landing and Cunningham's.

f. Any Commercial Restaurant Aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

4. It is recognized that SES personnel and vehicles are frequently off-station for official business. Stops at off-station establishments for purchasing sustenance and the use of restrooms are authorized for the following purposes:

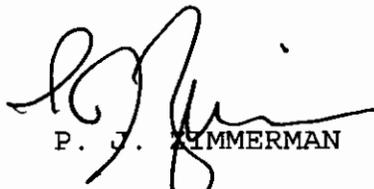
a. While off-station responding to, at the scene of, or returning from an emergency incident.

b. While off-station conducting inspections at MCALF Bogue, MCOLF Atlantic, and the ranges of BT-11. This does not authorize sustenance stops during normal shift changes.

c. Marines will adhere to the off-station uniform restrictions contained in reference (c) while making sustenance stops. Off-station sustenance stops while wearing the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform (MCCUU), military flight suit, and Marine Corps Civilian Law Enforcement Program (MCCLEP) duty uniform are only authorized to utilize "drive through" establishments. The MCCUU, military flight suits, and MCCLEP duty uniform are not appropriate for wear in a civilian environment.

5. All stops for sustenance, both on-base and off-station, will be properly documented by notifying SES dispatch through radio or telephone communications. The SES dispatch will log in the unit, location, start and completion time of the sustenance stop when the unit is back in service.

6. It is understood this policy is a privilege and not a right, abuse of this policy may be grounds for cancellation of this policy in part or in its entirety. Misuse of this policy may result in disciplinary action.


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