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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
To: Distribution List

Subj: PRISONER ESCAPE BILL

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1640.9C
(b) MCO 5500.6H
(c) MCO P5800.16A
(d) MCO 3574.2K

1. Situation. Marines routinely escort military prisoners and confinees. On occasion, prisoners/confinees may attempt to escape with or without success. Armed and unarmed escorts must know what actions to take when faced with an attempted or successful escape.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 1640.16E.

3. Mission. Escorts will take appropriate actions to prevent the escape of a prisoner/confinees. If a prisoner/confinee should escape, the escort must know what immediate action to take to recapture the escapee as quickly as possible.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Train all escorts in appropriate prisoner escort duties, including actions they are legally required to take to prevent an escape and recapture an escapee.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Prisoner escorts, armed or unarmed, will exercise due care and take all precautions to preclude prisoner escapes. Escorts will exercise their duties in accordance with reference (b) and direction from competent authority.

(b) In the event of an escape, all personnel assigned duties requiring the supervision of detainees/confinees, as set

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forth in this Order, will follow the procedures contained in references (a) and (b).

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Attempted Escape from an Armed Escort. If a detainee/confinee attempts to escape from an armed escort, the escort will take immediate action as follows:

(a) Command the escapee to halt and repeat the command one time if necessary.

(b) prevent the escape by physical pursuit and restraint if verbal commands are unsuccessful.

(c) Alert all non-prisoner personnel in the area of the escape and request their assistance to recapture the escapee.

(d) Utilize deadly force only if authorized, and with the following conditions:

1. Warning shots are not authorized.

2. When a firearm is discharged, it will be fired with the intent of rendering the person at whom it is discharged, incapable of continuing the activity or course of behavior that prompted the individual to shoot.

3. Shots shall not be fired if they are likely to endanger innocent bystanders.

4. Deadly force is justified as a last resort and only under conditions of extreme necessity, when all lesser means have failed or cannot reasonably be employed.

(e) If, in the escort's judgment, all reasonable efforts have been taken to stop the escapee, including the use of deadly force when authorized and appropriate, and the escapee is still not in custody, the escort shall proceed to the nearest means of communication and report the escape to the Cherry Point Police via the 911 Emergency hotline or Cherry Point Police Desk Sergeant at 466-5123.

(2) Attempted Escape from an Unarmed Escort. If a detainee/confinee attempts to escape from an unarmed escort, the escort will take immediate action as follows:

(a) Command the escapee to halt and repeat the command one time if necessary.

(b) Prevent the escape by physical pursuit and restraint If verbal commands are unsuccessful.

(c) Alert all non-prisoner personnel in the area of the escape and request their assistance to recapture the escapee.

(d) If in the escort's judgment all reasonable efforts have been taken to stop the escapee and physical pursuit and restraint have not resulted in preventing the escape, the escort will proceed to the nearest means of communication and report the escape to the Cherry Point Police, via the 911 Emergency hotline or Cherry Point Police Desk Sergeant at 466-5123.

(3) Escape Bill. In the event of an escape the following shall occur:

(a) The squadron/unit having cognizance over the escapee shall phone all details of the escape to the Cherry Point Police Desk Sergeant at 466-5123.

(b) The Commanding Officer (CO) of the escapee will ensure compliance with paragraph 5011.3 of reference (c).

(c) Upon notification of the escape, Cherry Point Police shall take appropriate action to seal the immediate area of escape and issue a 50-mile radius alert via the Police Information Network. After completion of the foregoing action, Cherry Point Police shall alert:

1. The Joint Public Affairs Office.

2. The Station Operations Office.

3. The Station's Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron and 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (2d MAW) to be on the lookout for strangers in barracks and other facilities in order to prevent the escapee from stealing unmarked clothing or obtaining any assistance from friends.

4. Be prepared to release a base wide announcement utilizing the Mass Notification System and to dispatch a mobile public address system.

5. Be prepared to provide police personnel for each helicopter employed in the search, if available.

(d) The Officers listed below are directed to provide assistance, to the limit of their capabilities, in executing this Escape Bill:

1. Airfield Operations Officer (provide Search and Rescue Helicopter(s)).

2. Motor Transport Officer (provide Vehicle transportation).

3. All COs or Command Duty Officers (provide Search parties).

(e) Additional assistance executing this Escape Bill may be requested from the North Carolina Department of Prisons, Unit 22, Newport, NC at (252) 223-5100.

(4) Responsibilities of Competent Authority. Commanders and those who are designated in writing to issue orders to law enforcement and security personnel will ensure the following:

(a) That all personnel assigned to perform law enforcement or security-type duties receive instruction on regulations relating to the use of force. Additionally, periodic instruction will be given to all personnel assigned such duties to ensure that they continue to be thoroughly familiar with all restrictions on the use of deadly force. These instructions should be situational and operationally oriented, incorporating practical demonstrations that apply the general guidelines and rules of reference (b) and this Order.

(b) Ensure all law enforcement and security personnel are instructed in the use and safe handling of assigned weapons and equipment per reference (d). Personnel armed with a pistol or a shotgun, who do not fire for qualification or requalification with that weapon, will fire a Familiarization course with that weapon at least every six months.

5. Administration and Logistics. The Commanding General, 2d MAW, and the Commanding Officers, Fleet Readiness Center-East, Combat Logistics Company 21 and the Naval Health Clinic concur with the contents of this Order as far as it pertains to members of their respective Commands.

6. Command and Signal

(a) Command. This Order is applicable to all subordinate and tenant Commands aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

(b) Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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