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AIR STATION ORDER 5500.13

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: ARMING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) MCO 5500.6F

1. Purpose. To establish command policy for the arming of on-duty Military Police personnel.

2. Background. The reference provides guidance to commanders regarding the arming of law enforcement personnel and the conditions under which deadly force may be applied in the performance of duties.

3. Information

a. The Provost Marshal is responsible for fielding a military police force which provides the law enforcement personnel and the conditions under which deadly force may be applied in the performance of duties.

b. The military police mission requires the individual patrolman/sentry to maintain the capability of employing his weapon expeditiously as the situation may dictate.

c. The Provost Marshal has established procedures for the issue, recovery, safe handling, and accountability of the various weapons maintained by the Security Department.

d. The Provost Marshal has established training programs for instruction in the proper use of deadly force and for the periodic firing of all weapons maintained by the Security Department.

e. The Provost Marshal has established procedures for the posting of all duty Military Police personnel with weapons.

4. Action. On-duty Military Police personnel will be posted with a loaded weapon as per the reference.

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5. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in **by** the Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing and Commanding Officers, Naval Aviation Depot, Naval Hospital and Combat Service Support Detachment-21.



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