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

Subj: UTILIZATION OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5585.2B (NOTAL)
(b) AFR-125-5 (NOTAL)

1. Situation. Military Working Dogs (MWD) are a valuable asset available to unit commanders to help ensure good order and discipline. This Order establishes guidelines to request support of MWDs and for their employment aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and within the surrounding community. Military Working Dog teams may be used to detect narcotics and explosives, to assist in maintaining security and discipline aboard MCAS Cherry Point, and to provide assistance in certain criminal investigations. The MWD teams may be available, upon written request, to tenant commands aboard MCAS Cherry Point, other East Coast military installations, and Naval and Coast Guard vessels. An Explosives Detector Dog and handler may be available to civilian authorities when life threatening or severe property damage conditions exist and release of a MWD team does not degrade support aboard the Installation.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 6710.3J.

3. Mission. To effectively train and use MWD in order to ensure safety, security, and good order and discipline aboard MCAS Cherry Point and the local civilian community where allowable by law and in compliance with the references.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Military Working Dogs shall be used in conjunction with health and comfort inspections, Commanding Officer (CO), Authorized Vehicle Inspections and at Installation Access Control Points to ensure a safe and secure living and operating environment aboard the MCAS Cherry Point.

(2) Concept of Operations. Military Working Dog teams may be used for various administrative and certain investigative activities. Military Working Dog teams may be available to assist in the following specific situations:

(a) Request for use of MWD teams for periodic command inspections of quarters, barracks, and work areas shall be submitted in writing to the Provost Marshal at least two weeks in advance.

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(b) Periodic contraband inspections of military and civilian vehicles entering, departing, or operating aboard the Installation. These inspections will be authorized by the CO, MCAS Cherry Point as often, and at such locations within the Installation, as determined necessary and practical to provide for security.

(c) Inspections of baggage during border clearance embarkations and debarkations. Military Working Dog teams may be used to search military aircraft, freight, and baggage arriving and departing the Installation.

(d) Inspections of Naval and Coast Guard vessels to include freight, baggage, and other areas directed by the CO, MCAS Cherry Point.

(e) Searches for narcotics and explosives pursuant to an authorization to search and in those situations where probably cause to search exists but circumstances require immediate action to prevent the removal of the drugs/explosives, the loss of life, or serious property damage.

(f) As a Patrol Dog with handler when directed by the Provost Marshal.

(g) As an Explosive Detector Dog or Narcotics Detector Dog with handler when directed by the Provost Marshal.

b. Coordinating Instructions. The operational control of MWD teams is vested within the Operations Division, Provost Marshal's Office, Security and Emergency Services Directorate. Specific instructions for procedures which will be followed in conducting searches are contained in references (a) and (b).

(1) Requests for the use of the MWD teams by agencies located outside the Installation must be made in writing to the CO, MCAS Cherry Point (Attn: Provost Marshal), or by calling the Provost Marshal at (252) 466-3846 or DSN 582-3846.

(2) No person will handle, train, or in any way use a MWD unless the individual has been designated by the Law Enforcement and Security Branch (Code PS), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, or the Provost Marshal. Handlers will be responsible for the well-being and security of their assigned MWD.

(3) Funding. Requesting commands located outside the Installation will be responsible for all temporary additional duty funds involved. All consumables for the MWD will be provided by MCAS Cherry Point.

(4) Billeting. Requesting commands located outside the Installation must provide adequate billeting where the dog and handler can be housed in the same building. For security reasons, all efforts should be made to have this area isolated from other troop billeting areas.

5. Administration and Logistics. None.

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6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to MCAS Cherry Point, its subordinate and tenant commands, and all personnel authorized to request and utilize MCAS Cherry Point MWD teams.

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



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