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AIR STATION ORDER 5090.10A

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

Subj: STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) FOR WILDLAND AND PRESCRIBED
(CONTROLLED) BURNING AT MCAS CHERRY POINT AND OUTLYING FIELDS

Ref: (a) Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, December 1995
(b) Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, January 2001
(c) DoDI 6055.06 "DOD Fire and Emergency Services (F&Es) Program," October 3, 2019
(d) MOU National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group/Departments of Agriculture and Interior 16
March 1976
(e) National Wildfire Coordinating Group Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications,
PMS 310-1, October 2019
(f) National Wildfire Coordinating Group Glossary of Wildland Fire, PMS 205, January 2018
(g) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan MCAS Cherry Point
(h) MCO 5090.2
(i) MCAS Cherry Point Wildland Fire Management Plan
(j) ASO 11320.1B

1. Situation. Considering the vast landholdings of the Department of Defense (DoD), there is an inherent risk of wildland fire occurrence due to active military training. A key element addressed by both references (a) and (b) is the need to abide by effective standards for wildland fire training, personal protective equipment, and fitness. It is necessary for foresters to carry out well planned prescribed burning operations under controlled conditions in order to reduce the risk of wildfire and improve habitat. Policies and procedures for the management of wildland and prescribed burning operations are imperative as wildland-urban interface (WUI) increases aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and outlying fields.

2. Cancellation. ASO 5090.10.

3. Mission. This Order assigns tasks and responsibilities for implementing the MCAS Cherry Point Wildland Fire Management Program, as prescribed in references (c), (h), and (i), in order to ensure that the proper policies are in place and that personnel are prepared for safe and timely response to wildland fires.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent

(1) Wildfires pose a real threat to personnel, property, and equipment on board MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying fields, therefore it is important to remain prepared at all times. This Order will ensure properly trained personnel and effective procedures are in place to respond quickly and safely to wildland fires onboard MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying fields.

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(2) It is the policy of this Command to protect the air station and outlying fields forested lands from the catastrophic effects of wildfire through an ongoing program of prescribed burning to reduce fuels.

b. Concept of Operations

(1) This Order assigns responsibilities to the appropriate personnel in the event of a wildfire and during prescribed burns.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) The Natural Resources Manager (NRM) and the Wildland Fire Program Manager will:

(a) Ensure all personnel assigned wildland fire management responsibilities are qualified for assigned positions.

(b) Ensure position taskbooks are maintained to document fire qualifications for any personnel hired after the signing of this Order and for any new qualifications for current employees.

(c) Ensure an annual work capacity test at the arduous level or higher is administered for personnel involved in wildland fire management activities in accordance with reference (e).

(d) Ensure all personnel are provided with adequate time during the work day for physical fitness training to maintain fitness requirements of their wildland fire management positions.

(e) Ensure all fire management personnel attend annual wildland fire refresher training. Training will include the deployment of a fire shelter.

(f) Ensure the Cherry Point Fire and Emergency Services Department (CPFESD) is provided a recall roster for wildland fire management personnel.

(g) Ensure management activities are implemented per reference (g).

(h) Ensure National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) requirements are reviewed and air station procedures are updated as requirements change.

(i) Ensure that responses to wildland fire incidents are carried out as required, per references (c) and (j)

(j) Ensure a Memorandum of Agreement for reciprocal fire protection is maintained with the United States Forest Service (USFS), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS).

(2) The Wildland Fire Program Manager will:

(a) Review current and predicted fire weather and notify NRM of fire danger plan on a daily basis.

(b) Establish firelines or utilize natural fire breaks, such as roads and drains to contain prescribed fires and aid in wildfire suppression.

(c) Secure spot weather forecast from National Weather Service and provide smoke management information to the NCFS for prescribed burning.

(d) Prepare prescribed burn plans for review by NRM. Range Management Department (RMD) and Airfield Operations must approve prescribed fires prior to the day of burn.

(e) Notify NRM, RMD, and Airfield Operations at time of arrival and time of ignition for prescribed burns.

(f) Report all fires occurring in ranges or maneuver areas to the respective county Emergency Dispatch Center.

(g) Upon dispatch to wildland fire, notify NRM, RMD, and Airfield Operations of occurrence. Keep all parties up to date of fire situation.

(h) Station Ordnance will be notified of all planned burning within their complex. FESD will have a fire unit on standby for all prescribed burning within Ordnance area.

(i) Upon request of assistance from the USFS, USFWS, or NSFC, notification will be made to the NRM.

(3) Officer-in-Charge and Emergency Services

(a) Air Station Fire Chief Shall:

(1) Ensure CPFESD personnel comply with the qualification requirements of reference (c), for wildland fire activities.

(2) Ensure CPFESD continues in its wildland fire responsibilities, as required by reference (c).

5. Administration and Logistics. Not applicable.

6. Command and Signal. This Order is applicable to MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying fields effective the date signed.



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