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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
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Subj: UTILIZATION OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS

Ref: (a) MCO 5585.5A
(b) SESI #133-21

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 Cherry Point (MCAS CHERPT) 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 CHERPT, and to provide assistance in certain criminal investigations. The MWD teams may be available, upon written request, to tenant commands aboard MCAS CHERPT, other East Coast military Installations, and Naval and Coast Guard vessels. An Explosive 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. ASO 6710.3K.

3. Mission. To effectively train and use MWD teams in order to ensure safety, security, and good order and discipline aboard MCAS CHERPT 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 MCAS CHERPT.

(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:

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

(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 CHERPT 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 CHERPT.

(e) Search for narcotics and explosives pursuant to an authorization to search and in those situations where probable 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 Director, Security and Emergency Services Directorate.

(g) As an Explosive Detector Dog or Narcotics Detector Dog with Handler when directed by the Director, Security and Emergency Services Directorate.

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

(1) Requests for the use of the MWD teams by agencies located outside the Installation must be made in writing to the CO, MCAS CHERPT (Attn: Security and Emergency Services Directorate), or by calling the Operations Officer, Security and Emergency Services Directorate at (252) 466-2750 or DSN 582-2750.

(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 Director, Security and Emergency Services Directorate. 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 CHERPT.

(4) Billeting. Requesting commands located outside the Installation must provide adequate billeting where the MWD and Handler can be housed in the same building. For

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security reasons, all efforts should be made to have this area isolated from other troops billeting areas.

5. Administion and Logistics. Questions pertaining to the content of this Order should be directed to the Security and Emergency Services Directorate, MCAS CHERPT.

6. Command and Signal

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

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



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