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AIR STATION ORDER 5500.13B

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

Subj: ARMING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY PERSONNEL AND THE USE OF  
FORCE

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 5210.56  
(b) MCO 5500.6H w/ch 1

1. Situation. This Order provides uniform procedures and criteria for the arming of law enforcement and security personnel, the carrying of firearms, training on the use of force per the references, and the conditions under which deadly force may be applied in the performance of law enforcement and security duties.

2. Cancellation. ASO 5500.13A

3. Mission. To establish command policy and procedures for the arming of on-duty law enforcement and security personnel. This Order does not address policy and procedures regarding personnel not assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO).

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Establish policy, guidelines, and procedures for the arming of law enforcement and security personnel, and the use of force .

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Marines and civilian personnel assigned to PMO who regularly engage in law enforcement and security duties shall be armed when actually engaged in such duties.

(b) Such personnel may not carry firearms when in an off-duty status unless they are otherwise authorized to do so by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (PP&O (PS)).

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

(d) The Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point (MCAS CHERPT) police mission requires law enforcement and security personnel to maintain the capability of employing their weapon expeditiously as the situation may dictate.

(e) The Provost Marshal has established procedures for the issue, recovery, safe handling, and accountability of the various weapons maintained by the directorate.

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(f) The Provost Marshal has established adequate initial and sustainment training programs for instruction in the proper use of deadly force and for the periodic firing of all weapons maintained by the directorate.

(g) The Provost Marshal has established procedures for the posting of all duty law enforcement and security personnel with weapons.

(h) Per the reference, on-duty law enforcement and security personnel will be posted with a loaded weapon.

5. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations for changes to this Order should be submitted to the Provost Marshal's Office via the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to MCAS CHERPT and its subordinate commands.

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



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