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

Subj: DESTRUCTIVE WEATHER OPERATIONS

1. Situation. This Order provides guidance pertaining to the oversight and management of destructive weather operations aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point. Destructive weather events include, but are not limited to: thunderstorms, wind conditions, flooding, tropical cyclones, tornadoes, and winter storms. The type and scale of all-hazard events that may impact MCAS Cherry Point and the surrounding area vary significantly. Providing critical direction for utilizing resources, collaborating, and planning to facilitate efforts in order to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a destructive weather event incident is vital in saving lives, ensuring operational readiness and mission success. The Installation Commander has the authority and responsibility to protect personnel, equipment, and facilities aboard MCAS Cherry Point. Personnel are encouraged to be prepared and to be self-sufficient for at least seven days during a destructive weather event.

2. Cancellation. ASO 3140.1C.

3. Mission. To implement and execute emergency operation responsibilities during destructive weather events in a timely and effective manner and be prepared to provide military support to civil authorities, as directed or requested, in accordance with applicable, Federal, and Department of Defense, directives and policies.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Ensure personnel involved in the management of emergency operations during destructive weather events are provided necessary information pertaining to policy, procedures, responsibilities, and instructions. Directorates shall ensure they are integrated into destructive planning and all necessary actions are contained within the Destructive Weather Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Destructive Weather Program. Destructive weather management falls under the purview of the Installation Emergency Manager (IEM) within Mission Assurance (MA). The IEM serves as the destructive weather advisor to the Director of Mission Assurance, Director of Operations, and Commanding Officer.

(b) Standard Operating Procedures. Due to frequent updates to internal actions because of lessons learned, it is critical that destructive

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weather procedures always remain current. To maintain this critical requirement, the depth of destructive weather procedures shall be contained within a separate SOP that is a sub-set to this base Order. This SOP shall be treated as a living document. It must be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

(c) Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Installation Commander, or direct representative, will activate the EOC when Tropical Cyclone Condition III (TCC III) is set or deemed necessary based on events. The EOC will coordinate all requests for support from the emergency shelters and will serve as the controlling agency for support to emerging damage control situations as a result of destructive weather conditions. Manning requirements for the EOC are outlined in the Destructive Weather SOP.

(d) Installation Closures. The Installation Commander will make the final decision in relation to early release, cancellation of scheduled after-hours events, and suspension of operations. Upon decision, appropriate notifications will be made to necessary stakeholders. Notification of base closures will be made via appropriate communication outlets.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Questions or recommendations for changes pertaining to the contents of this Order should be directed to the Director of Mission Assurance, MCAS Cherry Point.

b. In the event this Order conflicts with those issued by higher authority, the orders of the higher authority shall take precedence. Notify the Commanding Officer, Attn: Director of Mission Assurance, MCAS Cherry Point of any conflicts.

c. Nothing in this Order shall detract from, nor be construed, to conflict with the inherent responsibility of military commanders to protect personnel and equipment under their commands.

d. It is the responsibility of commands to provide copies of this Order to their subordinate units.

e. Requests for copies of the Destructive Weather SOP are to be directed to the Director of Mission Assurance, MCAS Cherry Point.

6. Command and Signal

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

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


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