



COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST SUPPLY BATTALION
STATEMENT ON



Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy

Marines and Sailors,

Alcohol abuse, distribution, possession, use of illegal drugs, and the wrongful use of legal but controlled substances, is contrary to the core values of the Marine Corps, and to my values as your commander, and will not be tolerated. Abuse of these substances destroys our operational effectiveness and destroys your health, your career, your relationship with your family, and your future.

Our goal will be to eradicate the adverse impacts of substance abuse and misuse in the command by offering Marines and Sailors an environment of healthy alternatives, by educating each other on the harmful effects, and by supporting and participating in aggressive screening. Ultimately, I require engaged leadership from all of you.

We must be particularly conscious of our actions, behavior, and conduct when consuming alcohol. Alcohol and drug abuse is the leading contributor to misconduct and liberty incidents throughout the Marine Corps. The state limit for driving while intoxicated is .08% and alternative ride and taxi programs are abundant, so there is no excuse for driving after you have been drinking. Simply put, don't drink and drive! None of us can afford the consequences, financially or professionally, as a result of bad decisions made while under the influence.

Our alcohol and drug abuse program will be comprised of four parts: First, we will educate our Marines and Sailors through annual substance abuse training and weekly safety briefs, and through programs and events that offer healthy alternatives. Second, we will screen at least 10% percent of the Battalion with random Urinalysis and Breathalyzer Testing Programs each month. Third, we will screen all Marines and Sailors annually (Urinalysis Program) and periodically with breathalyzers. Finally, on a periodic basis, the battalion will conduct unannounced health and welfare inspections of billeting areas and work spaces.

We must ensure that every member of 1st Supply Battalion is committed to eradicating substance abuse from our ranks. By taking preemptive action through engaged leadership, education, training, counseling, and constant vigilance, we will keep these illegal and harmful behaviors from destroying our combat effectiveness and the general health and welfare of our Marines, Sailors and families.

Semper Fidelis,

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