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**COMMANDING OFFICER
INFORMATION GROUP
II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT



All Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and civilians of the II MEF Information Group, regardless of pay grade or position, shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects true professionalism and good citizenship. As ambassadors of our Nation, and the Marine Corps, professional behavior is the expectation in every endeavor. The country has invested significant resources to train us and expects us to be ready to carry out any tasking. Substance abuse of any type exposes us to the potential loss of life, damage to valuable equipment, degraded readiness, and inability to complete our

mission.

Group personnel will adhere to the Marine Corps policy on drug abuse – zero tolerance. Drug abuse includes the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance. Personnel who choose to violate this policy will be subject to criminal and/or administrative proceedings under the UCMJ, which may result in punitive or administrative separation.

All personnel will read and adhere to MCO 5300.17. This order governs the use and control of alcohol, illegal drugs, the illegal use of prescription drugs, and drug paraphernalia. Being “uninformed” is not an excuse for violation of this order.

Although alcohol is a legal substance, there is a time and place for everything – alcohol abuse is unacceptable and will never serve as an excuse for irresponsible behavior. All personnel are tasked to “Protect what you’ve earned.” This is both an individual responsibility and a leadership responsibility to safeguard subordinates, peers, and seniors in their personal choices.

Group personnel shall conduct themselves responsibly when consuming alcohol and shall maintain zero tolerance toward the illegal use of controlled substances. Drug and alcohol abuse is incompatible with our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and threatens our combat readiness. Set the example and maintain the standards – proactive involvement and education at all levels of this command is imperative.


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