



**COMMANDING OFFICER,
MARINE LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTER SQUADRON 367
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT**



As your Commanding Officer I have a zero tolerance policy for substance abuse. The use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs, or abuse/misuse of prescription drugs is inconsistent with our Core Values as Marines and has a devastating impact on mission readiness. In accordance with MCO 1700.24B, Distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs is contrary to the effective performance of Marines, the Marine Corps' mission, and will not be tolerated in this command. Any Marine or Sailor determined to be using, selling, manufacturing or distributing drugs, is in violation of applicable provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Federal, State or local statutes, and shall be disciplined as appropriate and processed for administrative separation as required.

This policy also applies to the use of controlled substances including designer drugs (e.g. spice), the illicit use of inhalants (huffing), and illicit use of anabolic steroids, excessive use (beyond what is normal, sufficient, or prescribed) of prescription drugs. Aggressive and proactive leadership is the key to a unit achieving zero alcohol or drug related incidents. This is an achievable goal when every member of SCARFACE is committed to conducting themselves in a manner upholding the highest traditions of our legacy. Those within SCARFACE who turn a blind eye to the use of illicit drugs or the abuse of alcohol are condoning that behavior. To condone drug use and alcohol abuse within our Corps degrades our combat readiness and places every member of this squadron at risk. Anyone who encounters or observes the use of illicit drugs or the abuse of alcohol is expected to take appropriate action and notify the chain of command. This notification can be via your chain of command or the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO).

I am committed to taking care of each member of SCARFACE through prevention and timely identification using aggressive and adaptive leadership at all levels. We will engage in aggressive Command education and action to prevent and eliminate all forms of substance abuse. The primary focus of effort will be on prevention, education, detection, and appropriate discipline for offenders. This focused multi-method effort will enable our Marines, Sailors, and families to be armed with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues before they develop into serious problems.

We will take preemptive action through engaged leadership, training, counseling, and constant vigilance to keep this illegal behavior from destroying our combat effectiveness and the health and general welfare of our individual Marines, Sailors, Civilians and their families.

Semper Fidelis

Major Gregory Rivaldi
Commanding Officer

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