MWHS-1 Postvention Procedures

1. SI

a. In the event of a suicide, SA, suicidal behavior, suicide plan, suicidal intent, or the likely presence of SIs, the Marine or Sailor's chain of command will be contacted.

b. The at-risk individual will be immediately escorted to a safe location away from any means that could be used to harm themselves or others (e.g. service weapon, knife, pills, etc.).

c. The at-risk individual will not be left alone until a medical authority or appropriate counselor makes the assessment that they are no longer a danger to self or others.

d. An OPREP-3 SIR will be completed and tracked for every suicide-related event.

e. The command will conduct the local CCP to refer the individual to MIP for follow-on services.

f. Following a SI, ensure an ongoing needs assessment is conducted and facilitate access to required care for those affected both directly and indirectly by the behavior.

g. Confidentiality for those involved must be of the highest priority during the event and only be compromised for the immediate well-being of those involved.

h. The chain of command will follow-up and make liaison with the appropriate medical authority to address any ongoing needs and receive a recommended safety plan.

2. SA and/or Threat

a. Contact the proper medical facilities for emergency medical response.

b. Contact the SDO, Executive Officer, and/or Squadron Sergeant Major to report the attempt. Include as much information as possible.

c. A PCR will be submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

d. Ensure medical personnel submit a DODSER in accordance with reference (b). The DODSER is due within 30 days of determination of the attempt by a competent medical authority. The DODSER is completed online at https://dodser.t2.health.mil.

e. The command will contact the local CCP to refer the individual to MIP for follow-up services.

f. Following a SA, ensure an ongoing needs assessment is conducted and facilitate access to required care for those affected by the SA.

g. Confidentiality for those involved must be of the highest priority during the event and only be compromised for the immediate well-being of those involved.

h. The chain of command will follow-up and make liaison with the appropriate medical authority to address any ongoing needs and receive a recommended safety plan.

3. Death by Suicide

a. Contact the proper medical facilities for emergency medical response.

b. Contact the SDO, Executive officer, and/or Squadron Sergeant Major to report the death. Include as much information as possible.

c. The SDO will immediately contact the Executive Officer to report the event. If the Executive Officer cannot be contacted, the CO will be contacted. Send a follow-up email to the Executive Officer and Sergeant Major with five Ws.

d. A PCR will be submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

e. Ensure medical personnel submit a DODSER in accordance with reference (b). The DODSER is due within 15 days of determination of a suspected suicide and 60 days of determination of the death by competent medical authority. The DODSER is completed online at https://dodser.t2.health.mil.

f. Following a suicide, ensure an ongoing needs assessment is conducted and facilitate access to required care for those affected by the suicide or death where suicide cannot be excluded.

g. Confidentiality for those involved must be of the highest priority during the event and only be compromised for the immediate well-being of those involved.

h. The command will complete a death brief and 8-day brief for the death by suicide as a continuation of prevention.