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I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ORDER 5100.3 w/ch 1

From: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force  
To: Distribution List

Subj: SEATBELT POLICY

Ref: (a) MCO 5100.19D  
(b) MCO P11240.10C  
(c) FMFPacO P11240.7  
(d) BO P5000.2H

1. Purpose. To establish policy for the use of seatbelts and restraining devices in tactical, government owned/leased, rental and privately owned motor vehicles.

2. Background

a. The references clearly define and describe the Marine Corps and local policies for the use of seatbelts and restraining devices in tactical, government owned/leased, rental, and privately owned motor vehicles (PMV). Federal and State laws provide mandatory policies as well.

b. In spite of clear regulations and the training routinely provided to educate on these policies, Marines and Sailors continue to die on our nations highways and in our own training areas due to poor judgement and failure to wear seatbelts. Mishaps have occurred both on and off duty, in both tactical and privately owned motor vehicles.

3. Applicability. Applies to all Department of Defense military and civilian personnel, including nonappropriated fund employees, and to all dependents and visitors while on Marine Corps controlled property.

4. Policy. Policies for seatbelt usage are established in the references and are summarized below:

a. PMV and Rental Cars. References (a) and (d)

establish the policies for mandatory seatbelt use and child passenger restraint systems for privately owned motor vehicles.

(1) Wearing of seatbelts is MANDATORY for drivers and all passengers of PMV's and rental cars on board all Marine Corps installations. This applies to active duty personnel, dependents, civil service employees, contractors, and other guests or visitors to Marine Corps installations. Military personnel are responsible to ensure that their dependents and guests adhere to this requirement and will be held accountable for non-compliance as outlined in paragraph 6 below.

(2) Wearing of seatbelts is MANDATORY for all active duty personnel in PMV's and rental cars off station, as a driver or passenger.

(3) Children under the age of 4 years or weighing less than 40 pounds must be secured into a child passenger seat restraint system meeting Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This requirement applies both on and off military installations as well.

(4) Marines and Sailors will be responsible for encouraging dependent and civilian personnel riding as passengers in their PMV's or rental cars to use seatbelts off military installations as well.

b. Government Owned or Leased Motor Vehicles (GMV)

(1) The requirements listed in paragraph 2.a. above also apply to government motor vehicles, both government owned and leased. Reference (d) provides that the senior occupant of a vehicle is responsible for ensuring that all safety regulations are observed. If the senior occupant cannot be determined, the driver is responsible for enforcement. Failure to do so is a violation of this order.

(2) Reference (a) requires that every effort shall be made to procure or lease motor vehicles with airbags (preferably for both driver and passenger), anti-lock brakes, and daytime running lights.

c. Tactical Vehicles. References (a), (b), and (c) establish policies for restraint devices in tactical vehicles.

(1) Marine Corps special purpose tactical vehicles shall be equipped with restraint systems, rollover protection, and helmets, when applicable, unless the Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command (COMMARCORSSYSCOM) determines that such equipment will unacceptably degrade an essential military characteristic.

(2) Where such equipment described in the paragraph above is installed, its use shall be mandatory for both vehicle operators and passengers.

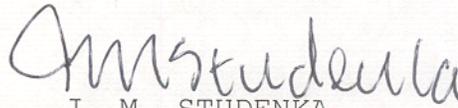
\* (3) Wearing of the helmet and flack jacket for all I MEF operators and passengers riding in tactical vehicles both on and off military installations is mandatory.

5. Action. Commanders shall ensure widest dissemination of the contents of this Order. All Marine Corps and Naval personnel, as well as civilian employees assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force, it's Major Subordinate Commands and units, shall be briefed of these requirements upon initial check-in to the command. Requirements shall be reinforced at periodic safety standdowns.

6. Enforcement

a. This Order is punitive. Violations of this Order may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

b. In cases of noncompliance, commanders shall take corrective measures with respect to the offender and/or offender's sponsor as appropriate.

  
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Encl: (1) New page insert to IMEFO 5100.3 of 26 Jan 99

1. Purpose. To transmit a new page insert to the basic Order.
2. Action. Remove page 3 of the basic Order and replace with the corresponding page in the enclosure.
3. Change Notation. Paragraphs denoted by an asterisk (\*) symbol contain changes not previously published.
4. Filing Instructions. This change transmittal will be filed immediately following the signature page of the basic Order.

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