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I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ORDER 5100.3A

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SEATBELT POLICY

Ref: (a) Executive Order 13043
(b) DoDI 6055.04 CH-2
(c) MCO 5100.19F
(d) MARFORPACO 5101.1A
(e) MARADMIN 0415/09

1. Situation

a. This order establishes policy for the use of seatbelts and restraining devices in tactical, government owned/leased and private motor vehicles.

b. This order applies to all I MEF military and civilian personnel, whether permanently or temporarily assigned; including reservists on active duty, active duty training or inactive duty training; on-duty, federal, civilian employees including non-appropriated fund employees. This policy applies to all military personnel described above, whether on or off duty, and regardless of branch of service.

2. Cancellation. I MEFO 5100.3.

3. Mission

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

b. In spite of clear regulations and robust training programs, I MEF continues to experience losses due to poor judgment and failure to wear seatbelts. Moreover, in many

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instances, fellow Marines and Sailors were present but failed to intervene. Leaders at all levels must remain vigilant and enforce policies designed to protect our Marines and Sailors.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) I MEF personnel will comply with references (a) through (e) which outline policy for vehicle operations to include seatbelt use for DoD and military personnel. The senior occupant of any vehicle shall be responsible for ensuring enforcement of proper use of safety restraints and will not permit operation of any vehicle until all passengers are wearing the restraint system specified for the type of vehicle. If the senior occupant cannot be determined, the driver shall be responsible for enforcement of proper use of safety restraints.

b. Concept of Operations

(1) Tactical Vehicles

(a) Personnel operating or riding in tactical vehicles, at all times whether on or off government installations, shall be seated in designated seating positions with seatbelt fastened (if so equipped) while the vehicle is in motion.

(b) Personnel being transported in a cargo area shall be seated with seatbelt fastened (if so equipped), and the cargo area opening shall be secured with a troop-strap if vehicle is so equipped.

(c) Although use of a helmet and improved modular tactical vest (IMTV) is strongly recommended, commanders at the O-5 level may determine the type and level of personal protective equipment (PPE) used for personnel driving or riding in occupant positions (non-cargo area) equipped with seatbelts when operating on hard-surface/paved roads during administrative movements. When seatbelts are not installed, or when operating off of hard-surface/paved roads, vehicle driver and occupants are required to wear a minimum Kevlar helmet and armored protection level (APL) 1 (vest/plate carrier with soft armor only) anytime the vehicle is in motion. For all personnel

riding in cargo areas, use of Kevlar helmet and APL 1 is mandatory anytime the vehicle is in motion.

(2) Government Owned or Leased Motor Vehicles.

(a) All personnel operating or riding in any government owned or leased motor vehicle will be in a designated seating position with seatbelt fastened any time the vehicle is in motion.

(b) Passengers of buses that do not have seatbelts installed are exempt from this requirement.

(3) Private Motor Vehicles.

(a) All personnel as described in paragraph 1b above, when operating or riding in private motor vehicles, shall be seated in designated seating positions with seatbelt fastened while the vehicle is in motion.

(b) Use of child safety seats, proper wear of PPE for two or three wheeled motorcycles, and cell phone use on and off DoD installations shall be in accordance with references (c) and (d) as well as installation policy and local laws.

5. Administration

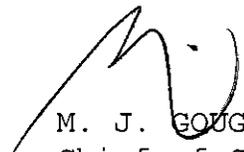
a. This order is punitive. Violations of this order may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

b. In cases of noncompliance, commanders shall take corrective measures with respect to the offender as appropriate.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all commands, organizations, units, and activities under the command of I MEF.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


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