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POLICY LETTER 6-18

From: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force  
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Subj: POLICY CONCERNING SECURING EQUIPMENT IN AIRCRAFT AND GROUND VEHICLES

Ref: (a) CMC White Letter 1-18

1. Purpose. To establish the I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) policy concerning requirements for securing equipment in aircraft and ground vehicles.

2. Cancellation. I MEF Policy Letter 12-17

3. Direction. In accordance with reference (a), all Major Subordinate Commands and Major Subordinate Elements shall:

a. Review Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure they adhere to current policies; provide ample attention to the importance of securing personnel and equipment while being transported in or on vehicles and aircraft; and achieve compliance at all times, with special consideration given to passenger egress under foreseeable adverse conditions (underwater and/or overturned, limited visibility, etc.

b. Incorporate the evaluation of applicable SOP compliance during execution of training and exercises, to include Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluations and Marine Expeditionary Unit Certification Exercises.

c. Utilize the Product Quality Deficiency Reports system and Universal Needs Statement process to identify and address cargo and equipment security Deficiencies; e.g., lack of mounting rails, cargo boxes, cargo restraint systems, etc.

d. Commands with tactical vehicles shall ensure passenger packs/baggage and equipment is secured in accordance with applicable vehicle and cargo loading manuals for the mission at hand. Vehicle operators will ensure compliance prior to departure.

e. All tiltrotor/rotary wing aircraft crews shall secure all passenger equipment/baggage in accordance with the applicable manuals, to include Naval Air Training and Operations Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) and cargo loading manuals for appropriate Type/Model/Series aircraft.

f. On an annual basis, commanders shall review SOPs and securing processes and procedures with their personnel, operators, and aircrew for their applicable platforms. This review should be incorporated into Back-In-

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The-Saddle (BITS) stand-down periods.

g. For all incidents involving I MEF assault support aircraft and ground vehicles, a statement as to whether the unit was in compliance or not in compliance with this policy, or if the answer is pending unit investigation, shall be documented in any incident or investigation report; e.g., Operation Report-3, Manual of the Judge Advocate General, Command, 8-Day Brief, Safety, etc.

4. Scope. This policy letter applies to all I MEF units.

5. Certification. Commanders shall ensure compliance with the requirements established in this policy letter and all unit SOPs regarding securing equipment in aircraft and ground vehicles.



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