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From: Commander
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Subj: ON-SITE MEDICAL COVERAGE

Ref: (a) MCBO P1500.1
(b) NMCLQUANTINST 6000.1

1. Purpose. To establish policy and procedures for on-site medical coverage for units aboard MCB, Quantico, per references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. MCBO 6000.1.

3. Summary of Revision. This Revision contains significant changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Background. Reference (a) established policy for on-site medical coverage for training area evolutions conducted by Officer Candidates School (OCS), TBS, EOD, and Weapons Training Battalion (WTBn). References (a) and (b) include a priority system for on-site medical coverage based upon the realization that medical clinic manpower resources are limited and must be utilized in the most effective and efficient manner.

5. Information

a. The mission of the Naval Medical Clinic (NMCL) now includes on-site medical coverage for live fire exercises, night movements, range sweeps, and other medically high risk evolutions. Activities such as routine physical training (PT) are provided adequate medical support by the existence of a medical facility in the area and the "911" ambulance service. The presence of a certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) trained individual and a "safety" vehicle will provide appropriate "first responder" coverage.

b. Manning shortfalls in the Navy Medical Department make it imperative that on-site medical support requests submitted to the clinic be valid, realistic, and appropriate. In addition, the new DoD directed health care program known as TRICARE, necessitates the need for the clinic to maintain medical assets in-house to meet the daily patient care needs of its beneficiary population. As a result, activities such as routine PT, official physical fitness test (PFT) and battalion runs are provided adequate medical support by the existence of a medical facility in the area and the "911"

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ambulance service. The presence of a certified CPR trained individual and a "safety" vehicle will provide appropriate "first responder" coverage.

c. A hospital corpsman and a vehicle equipped with a stretcher must be present for all evolutions involving live fire and explosives. Field exercises involving lesser hazards must have present, as a minimum, a vehicle marked "EMERGENCY" and equipped with a stretcher. These vehicles will be provided by the organization conducting the exercise.

d. The CO, NMCL is responsible for ensuring on-site coverage only for those evolutions indicated in paragraph 6, or when directed by the Commander. All other requests for on-site coverage are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Support is provided if the clinic workload permits and the request does not conflict with priority medical coverage requirements.

6. Action

a. CO, NMCL

(1) Provide appropriate on-site medical coverage for the below listed evolutions. In most cases "appropriate coverage" will consist of a qualified hospital corpsman and a medical kit.

(a) Live fire exercises

(b) Night movements

(c) EOD range sweeps

(d) Parachute operations

(e) Gas chamber exercises

(2) Provide medical coverage for PFT's on a case-by-case basis. Age groups involved and weather conditions are determining factors.

(3) Ensure "911" ambulance service and acute medical care services are available for all other physical activities where there is a moderate or low risk of injury that does not require on-site coverage. If clinic vehicles are not available, give appropriate "out-of-service" notification to ensure timely alternative emergency services.

(4) Provide CPR training by certified CPR instructors, upon request.

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(5) Provide basic first aid training for preventing and treating heat and cold injuries upon request.

(6) Notify, in writing, the requesting activity of disapproved requests within 3 days. Unless otherwise notified by the NMCL, all requests shall be considered approved.

b. Activities Requiring Field Medical Support

(1) Request field medical support in writing and forward through the appropriate chain of command no later than 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the exercise/operation.

(2) The CO, TBS; CO, WTBn; and OIC, EOD must forward requests to the Head, TBS Branch Clinic. The CO, OCS must forward requests to the Head, OCS Branch Clinic. The CO, Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) must forward requests to the Head, MCAF Branch Clinic. All other units forward requests to the CO, NMCL.

(3) Units scheduling training will request corpsman coverage according to the following timelines as specified in references (a) and (b):

(a) OCS, NCO Leadership School, SNCO Academy, TBS, and all other MCB, Quantico activities: 30 days in advance of requirement.

(b) External activities (military, government, USMCR/USNR, civilian): 60 days in advance of requirement.

(4) Requests shall specify date(s), time(s), destination, type of exercise/operation, number of participants, transportation arrangements, and fully justify if more than one corpsman is required. The request shall also justify the requirement for an ambulance (if one is desired), and any other special or unique requirements. Include a point of contact and telephone number.

(5) Limit requests to mission essential exercises and operations only. All requests shall be reviewed by the clinic for medical priority and necessity of support. Priority is given to significant training exercises, live fire operations, and night movements.

(6) Contact the appropriate clinic for confirming request not later than 3 days before commencing the exercise, operation, or movement.

(7) Provide transportation of corpsmen to the training areas, unless previous arrangements have been made.

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(8) Inform the appropriate clinic immediately in the event an exercise is canceled.

(9) Adequately acclimatize participating personnel prior to conducting strenuous physical activities during extreme weather conditions.

(10) Schedule PT's/PFT's in the cooler morning or evening hours during the warm summer periods, 1 May - 30 September.

(11) Submit requests for medical training to the CO, NMCL, (Attn: Education and Training Dept) at least 30 days in advance.

(12) Familiarize all personnel directly involved with requesting, acquisitioning, or assigning hospital corpsmen to duty in the field with this Order.



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