



COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**"For we serve in a Corps with no institutional confusion about our purpose:
To Fight! To Fight Well!"
-General James Mattis**



Substance abuse is a behavior that detracts from our ability **"To Fight! To Fight Well!"** and distracts from **our top priority of supporting II Marine Expeditionary Force and 2D Marine Aircraft Wing's combat power and readiness.**

My policy is simple – ZERO TOLERANCE

Marines, Sailors, and Civilians assigned to MCAS New River are expected to hold the highest standards of conduct, discipline, and readiness. Substance abuse – whether involving illegal drugs, the misuse of prescription medications, or excessive use of alcohol – undermines our mission, endangers lives, and damages the trust placed in us by the American people.

Let me be absolutely clear: **Any individual determined to be abusing substances will face immediate administrative and/or legal action.**

Our mission demands peak performance. Substance abuse is incompatible with service. I expect leaders at every level to be vigilant, engaged, and proactive – not only in identifying and addressing abuse, but in reinforcing a culture of responsibility, support, and strength.

We are entrusted with great responsibility. Let's stay sharp, stay ready, lead by example and **Fight Well!**

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