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STATION ORDER 11320.11A

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: STRUCTURAL FIRE DIVISION EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)
PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 11320.23A

1. Purpose. To commence implementing the program objectives of an Emergency Medical Technician Program for the Structural Fire Division, Security Department.
2. Cancellation. StaO 11320.11.
3. Background. A comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program significantly contributes to the overall quality of life, and can literally mean the difference between life and death. The past decade has seen dramatic contributions to the military and civilian sectors Fire Service personnel as "first responders." Training Fire Service personnel as EMT's also affords quick and effective fire ground treatment of fire casualties, including injured fire fighters.
4. Information. Considering the important benefits of a comprehensive EMS system to Marines, assigned Naval personnel, dependent families, civilian employees, guests, and visitors, this Order establishes the Fire Service EMT First Responder Program as an element of this activity's EMS system. If first to arrive, Fire Service personnel can take necessary action to stabilize and provide life support/primary care until the arrival of Naval EMS personnel, whereupon Fire Service personnel can assist Naval EMS personnel as needed. Naval Medical personnel still remain the primary EMS provider for the Marine Corps with Fire Service personnel used to supplement and reinforce the EMS system when available and without compromising their primary fire protection mission. The Structural Fire Division does not provide ambulance services.
5. Action
 - a. All civilian Fire Prevention and Fire Suppression personnel hired after the effective date of this Order will be trained, certified, and capable of delivering EMT services. This excludes personnel who entered a "career ladder" within the same job title prior to this date. Fire Prevention and Fire Suppression personnel hired before the effective date of this Order will receive initial training only; certification and service delivery will be voluntary, with the individual's intent declared in writing, kept on file, and

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changed only by the individual with sixty days written notice. Only one opportunity will be provided to complete required training courses on duty at government expense, except in cases where individuals, through no fault of their own, are unable to successfully complete the training.

b. Training is designed to obtain State of Arizona EMT certification. Waivers to the training requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

c. As vacancies occur, position descriptions for Fire Prevention and Fire Suppression positions will be established to accommodate the duties of an EMT. Permanent promotion to positions requiring EMT certification will not be implemented until after obtaining EMT certification. Personnel hired after the date of this Order must be EMT certified within one year of being hired. Reasonable extensions may be given to personnel who have not had the opportunity for active participation in the training.

6. Summary of Revision. This Order completely revises the cancelled Order and must be reviewed in full.


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By direction

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