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COMTRAWINGONE INSTRUCTION 5100.4G

From: Commander, Training Air Wing ONE

Subj: SMOKING/TOBACCO POLICY AT TRAINING AIR WING ONE (TW-1)

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5100.13E

1. Purpose. To provide guidance on tobacco use and implement reference (a) at TW-1. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. COMTRAWINGONEINST 5100.4F.

3. Applicability

a. This directive applies to military personnel, civilian employees, contractor personnel, all dependents and visitors to TW-1. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

b. This instruction does not override provisions of existing civilian collective bargaining agreements until their expiration. Prior to implementing this policy for civilian employees, labor relations obligations must be discharged, where applicable.

4. Background

a. The Health consequences of tobacco use in all its form and exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) by nonsmokers have been clearly documented. Tobacco use is considered the chief preventable cause of premature death and disease in the United States. Involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke has been shown to cause cancer, lung and heart disease in healthy nonsmokers. Providing a safe, healthy, and nonpolluted workplace must protect the health of all personnel.

b. Tobacco use and ETS exposure have an adverse impact upon the health and readiness of our Navy. Tobacco use adversely affects night vision, respiratory capacity and wound healing rates.

5. Policy. TW-1 policy is to create a healthy working environment that supports abstinence and discourages the use of tobacco products, providing smokers and tobacco users with encouragement and professional assistance in smoking cessation. The Navy does not prohibit tobacco use, but employs a positive educational awareness approach that is designed to provide the least disruption while improving our state health and military readiness.

a. Smoking is prohibited in all TW-1 buildings and hangar spaces. This includes conference rooms, lounges, passageways, restrooms, office spaces and government vehicles.

b. Smoking is prohibited on all TW-1 aircraft.

c. Since all buildings have been designated “Tobacco Free” areas, an outside designated tobacco use area is provided. This area must meet safety requirements and adhere to cleanliness standards. The area is located in the grassy area facing the hangar.

6. Smokeless Tobacco Policy. Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking. This form of tobacco causes oral cancer, damages gums, teeth, soft oral tissue and is highly addictive. Additionally, spitting into open containers, waste baskets, or on the ground presents a potential health risk to others, as saliva is a culture medium for infectious organisms.

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c. Since all buildings have been designated “Tobacco Free” areas, an outside designated tobacco use area is provided. This area must meet safety requirements and adhere to cleanliness standards. The area is located in the grassy area facing the hangar.

d. Tobacco spit shall be held in containers with sealing lids to prevent odor and accidental spill. Tobacco spit and residue shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner, which prevents public exposure.

7. Assistance. The Branch Medical Clinic, Meridian provides current tobacco use information, smoking cessation activities and classes, and provides professional assistance to those wishing to stop using tobacco.

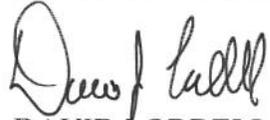
8. Action. Commanding Officers and Department Heads shall:

a. Create by personal example and by command climate an effective program that supports abstinence and discourages use of tobacco products.

b. Encourage tobacco users to stop and refrain others from starting by incorporating health consequences of tobacco use into the command-training schedule.

c. Include the following topics during General Military Training (GMT) for all military personnel:

- (1) Nicotine addiction and its negative impact on readiness.
 - (2) Health risks of tobacco use.
 - (3) Availability of assistance to quit tobacco use.
- d. Support the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout.



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