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### DIVISION ORDER 6520.1

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) NAVMEDCOMINST 6520.1A

1. Purpose. To establish a suicide prevention training program which will provide for educating Division Marines of all ranks and billets about suicide, the symptoms and danger signals of potential victims of suicide, and the appropriate actions to be taken in the immediate handling and referring of potential suicide victims.
2. Background. Reference (a) contains instruction for the development of a suicide prevention training program within the Department of the Navy and will be used as the basis for establishing the 3d Marine Division program. A well-organized educational effort is the only preventive action that consistently decreases suicide rates.
3. Policy. As a matter of Total Quality Leadership, suicide prevention training is a command responsibility. Commanders will ensure their Marines receive suicide prevention training in accordance with the provisions of this order. The Division Surgeon's office, more specifically, the Division Psychiatrist, will exercise staff cognizance over the program, and will develop suicide awareness and prevention training program curriculum and lesson outlines for the Division. In developing the training curriculum and lesson outlines, he will coordinate with the Division Chaplain, the Substance Abuse Counseling Officer (SACO's), Family Advocacy representative, and all other Marines, officers and enlisted, who may be concerned in any fashion with suicide awareness issues and the prevention of suicide.
4. Action
  - a. Commanders. Ensure all Marines and Sailors receive suicide prevention training per this Order and the curriculum prescribed by the Division Psychiatrist; attend the training, and learn to understand the causes, symptoms and prevention of suicide; and implement in their commands those basic leadership policies and procedures which will serve to identify potential suicide victims so that they are referred for treatment in time to prevent tragedy.

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b. Division Surgeon. Develop the suicide awareness and prevention training curriculum and lesson plans; exercise staff cognizance over the training program; coordinate and supervise its implementation; and assist commanding officers in implementing the program at each level; conduct an annual review and validation, and if necessary, revision of the training curriculum and lesson outlines.

c. AC/S G-1. Ensure Division Psychiatrist receives the fullest cooperation of the appropriate representatives in developing the program curriculum and lesson outlines.

d. AC/S G-3. Assist the Division Psychiatrist in planning and coordinating suicide prevention training. Ensure that the training is inspected during training management Administrative Readiness Evaluations (ARE'S).

e. Division Chaplain. Coordinate with the Division Psychiatrist in the development of the training curriculum and provide your advice and recommendations regarding suicide awareness, referrals, and prevention.

  
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