



COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SECURITY



As a forward deployed Marine division, we must continue to stand watch and remain vigilant against threats of terrorist attack, sabotage, and theft. Security is a force multiplier critical to the accomplishment of the 3d Marine Division mission. At the most basic level, this Division's commitment to security will protect our most valuable resources - our Marines and Sailors.

Commanders are always responsible for the security of their unit. Even if external units are tasked to provide security for Division elements, we will never outsource internal security. Security measures such as guardian angels, interior guard, and varying routines will be implemented whenever possible. Whether security personnel are armed or unarmed, all Division units will ensure adequate security exists to safeguard personnel, facilities, and unit areas in garrison or deployed environments. In general, a mobile security force conducting routine inspections of facilities and their surrounding areas is preferred over stationary security forces.

Physical and information security are most effective when they complement each other. Deliberate and careless leaks of information can jeopardize the safety and security of division forces. A single piece of paper not properly disposed of can put Marines and Sailors at risk. Remember to shred every document. The forward deployed nature of the division further complicates information security with the ever-present collection efforts by foreign intelligence services. Marines and Sailors constantly use social media, which increases the potential for inadvertent disclosure of information. Additionally, the nature of social networks often enables Marines and Sailors to be aware of what their peers are posting, presenting an ideal opportunity to correct them if inappropriate or questionable information is released. Remember, operational security is a priority for every Marine and Sailor, even with unclassified information.

In the same manner in which every Marine is a safety officer on a live fire range, every Marine is responsible for security. All 3d Marine Division personnel contribute to mission success and have a responsibility of working to mitigate threats and vulnerabilities. We must continue to work towards fostering an environment in which all Marines and Sailors can feel safe in the barracks, at workspaces, and any other locations on base. Security is a leadership and readiness issue. I expect and challenge all to foster a culture throughout 3d Marine Division in which we are ever vigilant and security conscious.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Q. Timberlake".

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