



# **COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SECURITY**

As the forward deployed Marine division, we must continue to stand the 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, the division's commitment to security will protect our most valuable resources - our Marines and Sailors.

Commanders are always responsible for the security of their units. 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 that adequate security exists to safeguard personnel, facilities, and unit areas in garrison or deployed environments.

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 or properly dispose of every classified document. Additionally, the use of social media increases the potential for inadvertent disclosure of information. Operational Security (OPSEC) is a priority for every Marine and Sailor, even with unclassified information. Do not mistakably become an "insider threat."

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 an inherent responsibility of working to mitigate threats and vulnerabilities. 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.

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