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Subj: ON-CALL DESIGNATED DRIVER SOP FOR THE SAFE RETURN PROGRAM

1. Applicability. This SOP is applicable to any 1st Radio Battalion Marine who volunteers for on-call DD duties. Adherence to these procedures is mandatory to ensure personal safety and the proper awarding of SRP points.
2. Background. Per the reference, the on-call DD is a critical component of the SRP, providing a safe transport option for Marines in need. This role requires absolute sobriety and strict adherence to verification procedures to maintain the integrity of the program.
3. Procedures. On-call DDs will execute their duties in the following phases:
 - a. Phase I - Pre-Activation.
 - (1) A Marine volunteering for on-call DD duty will notify the Officer of the Day (OOD) of their availability and provide a valid contact number.
 - (2) The volunteer DD must remain completely sober (0.00% Blood Alcohol Content) and be prepared to respond if activated.
 - b. Phase II - Activation and Verification.
 - (1) Upon receiving a request for transport, the on-call DD will obtain the names of all Marines requiring pickup and their location.
 - (2) Crucially, prior to proceeding to the pickup location, the on-call DD must report in person to the OOD at the Fleet Intelligence Operations Center (FIOC).
 - (3) The OOD will log the DD's information and the names of the Marines to be transported. This action officially validates the event for the awarding of SRP points.
 - (4) Upon receiving clearance from the OOD, the DD may proceed.
 - c. Phase III - Execution.
 - (1) The DD will proceed directly to the pickup location and safely transport the Marines back to the barracks or another agreed-upon safe destination.
 - (2) Once the passengers have been safely dropped off, the DD's duties for that activation are complete. The DD is not required to return to the OOD with the passengers, as the event was previously validated.

4. Contingency Procedures.

- a. If a volunteer has consumed any amount of alcohol, they are ineligible to act as a DD and must refuse any activation request.
- b. If passengers are uncooperative or the DD perceives a safety risk, the DD will not escalate the situation. They will withdraw from the situation and immediately inform the OOD.
- c. If the passengers cannot be located, the DD will make a reasonable effort to establish contact. If unsuccessful, the DD will inform the OOD that the transport was not completed.

5. Core Tenets - The success of this role relies on three principles: absolute sobriety, OOD verification for all actions, and prioritizing the safety of all personnel above all else.

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