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**RULE 1: LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF FORCE** - A MARINE will use force of any kind only as a last resort and, if used, the force should be the minimum necessary to accomplish the mission.

**RULE 1.1: Reasonable** - Any use of force must be reasonable in intensity, duration, and magnitude to counter the threat based on all of the circumstances.

**Rule 1.2: Safety** - Exercise due regard for the safety of innocent bystanders when using any type of force.

**Rule 1.3: Warning Shots** - Warning shots are NOT authorized.

**RULE 2: DE-ESCALATION** - When time and circumstances permit, a MARINE will give a threatening force warnings and an opportunity to withdraw or stop the threatening actions before using force.

**Rule 2.1: Avoid Confrontation** - Avoid confrontation with individuals who pose no threat to the unit, to non-DOD persons in the vicinity, or property secured by DOD forces.

**Rule 2.2: Notify CLEA** - Increase self-defense posture and notify civilian law enforcement authorities (CLEA) or security agency personnel as soon as practicable if confrontation appears likely, civilians are acting in a suspicious manner, or immediately after a confrontation.

**RULE 3: INDIVIDUAL SELF-DEFENSE** - A MARINE may exercise individual self-defense in response to a hostile act or demonstrated hostile intent.

**Rule 3.1: Limit on Self-Defense** - A COMMANDER may limit individual self-defense by members of their unit.

**RULE 4: UNIT SELF-DEFENSE** - A COMMANDER always has the inherent right and obligation to exercise unit self-defense in response to a hostile act or demonstrated hostile intent.

**RULE 5: USE OF NON-DEADLY FORCE** - A MARINE may use non-deadly force to stop a threat and it is reasonably necessary:

- to control a situation and accomplish the mission,
- to provide protection for themselves and other DOD personnel,
- to defend non-DOD persons in the vicinity, but only IF directly related to the assigned mission, or
- to defend designated protected property.

**RULE 6: USE OF DEADLY FORCE IN SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF OTHERS, AND DEFENSE OF PROPERTY** - A MARINE may use deadly force only when all lesser means have failed or cannot reasonably be employed AND it reasonably appears necessary:

- to protect DOD forces when a commander reasonably believes a person poses an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm,
- to protect yourself and other DOD forces from the imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm,
- to protect non-DOD persons in the vicinity from the imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm, but only IF directly related to the assigned mission,
- to prevent the actual theft or sabotage of assets vital to national security or inherently dangerous property, and
- to prevent the sabotage of a national critical infrastructure.

**RULE 6.1: Use of Deadly Force NOT Authorized** - Deadly force is not authorized to disperse a crowd, to stop looting, to enforce curfew, or to protect non-designated property.



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**RULE 7: USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A SERIOUS OFFENSE** - A MARINE may use deadly force, but only IF it is directly related to the assigned mission AND it reasonably appears necessary:

- to prevent a serious crime against any person that involves imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm,
- to prevent the escape of a prisoner where probable cause indicates he has committed or attempted to commit serious offense and would pose an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm to DOD forces or others in the vicinity,
- to arrest or apprehend a person who, there is probable cause to believe, has committed a serious offense that involved imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm or sabotage of designated protected property.

**RULE 8: USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A VEHICULAR THREAT** - A MARINE may fire their weapon at a moving land or water vehicle when they reasonably believe the vehicle poses an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm to DOD forces or to non-DOD persons in the vicinity, but only IF doing so is directly related to the assigned mission.

**RULE 9: INSPECTION OF PERSONNEL ENTERING AND EXITING AREA** - A MARINE may inspect individuals and property, per command security guidance, prior to granting that person or property entry inside a DOD perimeter or secured area and upon leaving such an area.

**Rule 9.1: Denied Access** - An individual or property that does not meet the command security requirements for entry may be denied access inside a DOD perimeter or secured area.

**RULE 10: TEMPORARY DETENTION OF THREATENING PERSONNEL** - A MARINE may temporarily detain an individual:

- who has gained unauthorized access inside perimeters or other secured areas,
- who refuses to depart such an area after being denied access,
- who otherwise threatens the safety and security of DOD forces, property secured by DOD forces, or non-DOD persons in the vicinity but only IF their defense is directly related to the assigned mission.

**Rule 10.1: Search** - Detained individuals, vehicles, and property may be searched as a force protection measure.

**Rule 10.2: Released to CLEA** - Detained individuals and any secured property will be released to CLEA at the earliest opportunity consistent with mission accomplishment.

**RULE 11: PURSUIT AND RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY** - A MARINE may pursue and recover stolen assets vital to national security or inherently dangerous property if:

- CLEA or security forces are not reasonably available to recover them, and
- Commander, USNORTHCOM, has pre-authorized the pursue and recovery mission, and
- the pursuit is immediate, continuous, and uninterrupted.

**Rule 11.1: Contact CLEA** - DOD forces will contact CLEA as soon as practicable to inform them of the theft/pursuit.

**RULE 12: REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THE SRUF** - A MARINE will IMMEDIATELY report any violation of or non-compliance with the SRUF to the chain of command, Inspector General, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, or any commissioned officer with information concerning who, what, when, where, and why.

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