

USCGC MOHAWK COMMAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE STATEMENT

The abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs, anabolic steroids, and other controlled substances has a negative impact on MOHAWK's safety and mission capability as well as on the abuser's personal health and well-being.

We are a federal law enforcement agency with **zero tolerance for our members illegally possessing or illegally using drugs of any sort**. This is a condition of employment and we test regularly in accordance with Coast Guard policy to ensure compliance.

Substance abuse directly conflicts with my Command Philosophy of **being a Professional, being a Leader, and being a Good Shipmate**.

People form their opinion of MOHAWK, the Coast Guard, and – in the case of foreign ports – the United States based upon how we represent ourselves in public. Abuse of any controlled substance, or abuse of alcohol in public, tarnishes that image.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Don't use illegal drugs or wrongfully abuse prescription drugs.
- If you are over the legal age, drink responsibly.
- If you are under the legal age to purchase, possess, or consume alcohol, don't do it!

I will vigorously employ policies that keep MOHAWK fully mission capable, enhance crew morale and public respect for our agency, support good order & discipline, and encourage the personal and professional development of everyone aboard. To put words into action, I will institute an:

ALCOHOL INCIDENT PREVENTION PLAN:

- The CDAR, Morale Officer, and Unit Health Promotion Coordinator will **organize healthy alternative events** both at home and in foreign ports.
- A **"Chiefs to the Rescue" program** will provide free cab rides in Key West to prevent drinking and driving.
- The **"Tap-Out" program** will be utilized to help shipmates prevent one another from abusing alcohol.
- A **liberty incentive program** will be commenced that rewards alcohol-incident free periods.

To help solidify this commitment, MOHAWK will not sponsor any social events where alcohol is the centerpiece. Alcohol will only be served at ship-sponsored events with my express permission. All ship-sponsored events where alcohol is served shall have an equal amount of non-alcoholic alternative beverages. Finally, members who believe they have an alcohol abuse problem and self-refer **prior to an incident** will have the **full support of the command** in obtaining treatment and after-care **without any negative repercussions**.


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