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(c) NAVMC 3500.18
(d) SECNAV-M 5210.1
(e) Marine Corps Total Force System Personnel Reporting Instructions
Users Manual (MCTFSPRIUM)
(f) MCO 1200.17A
(g) MCO 1553.2A
(h) MCO 5311.1D
(i) MCO P5102.1B
(j) NAVMED P-117
(k) BUMEDINST 6320.66E
(l) OPNAVINST 3710.7U
(m) MCO 3120.11

Encl: (1) Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program Guidance

Report Required: Instructor's Course Record, NAVMC 11209 (Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28); encl (1), chap. (1), par. 5.b; encl (1) chap. 2, par. 1.d; encl (1) chap. 3, par. 3.j/k; encl (1) chap. 4, par. 4.e

1. Situation. To provide policy and procedural guidance regarding the Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program (MCWSTP) in accordance with references (a) through (m).

2. Cancellation. MCO 1500.52C and CG TECOM Message dated R131544Z AUG 07, "Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program (MCWSTP) Emergency Response Plan (ERP)".

3. Mission. This Order establishes procedures for the management of the MCWSTP. Commanders will ensure all Marines comply with the requirements and standards contained in this Order.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Marines are inherently amphibious by nature and are expected to operate in aquatic environments. The MCWSTP employs water survival skills of increasing levels of ability designed to reduce fear, raise self-confidence, and develop Marines with the ability to survive in water.

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(2) Concept of Operations

(a) The Marine Corps shall develop a comprehensive water survival program to ensure combat readiness by providing Marines the ability to survive a waterborne mishap.

(b) All Marines, regardless of age, grade or sex must perform MCWSTP qualification in accordance with the contents of this Order.

(c) Commanders shall conduct periodic water survival training in accordance with the instructions contained in this Order, reference (a), the Training Military Occupations Training and Readiness Manual portion of reference (b), and reference (c).

(d) The prescribed minimum requirements of this Order should not be interpreted as limiting the commander. Commanders are encouraged to conduct additional water survival training to enhance unit performance.

(e) All military personnel, regardless of service branch, are authorized and encouraged to participate in the MCWSTP and may be certified up to MCIWS.

(f) The qualification period begins on the date qualification is reported within the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS), per reference (d), SSIC 1300, para. 5b.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Commanding Generals, Marine Forces (MARFORS)

(a) Ensure all military personnel receive MCWSTP in accordance with the contents of this Order, reference (a), reference (b), and reference (c). Make appropriate entries into Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) per reference (e).

(b) Ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and Training and Education Command (TECOM) approved Programs of Instruction (POI).

(c) When waiving MCWSTP qualification requirements in their entirety, send a copy of the waiver response to CG, TECOM (C461), via the chain of command within 30 days of disposition.

(2) Commanding General, Training & Education Command (TECOM)

(a) Serve as program sponsor and provide subject matter experts in order to ensure the currency and relevance of the MCWSTP.

(b) Manage and monitor the MCWSTP through development, implementation, and interpretation of standards, policies, and procedures consistent with the requirements contained in this Order.

(c) Provide financial and managerial support for MCWSTP Training & Readiness (T&R) Manual reviews.

(d) In coordination with all Marine Forces, ensure development of Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) formal school seat quota requirements, and submit them for inclusion in the Training Input Plan (TIP).

(e) Review and serve as approval authority for Programs of Instruction (POI) and course materials related to MCWSTP.

(3) Commanding General, Training Command (TRNGCMD)

(a) Ensure commissioned officer students and Entry Level Training (ELT) Marines meet MCWSTP standards for their respective Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) requirements per reference (f) and make appropriate entries into MCTFS per reference (e).

(b) Ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and TECOM approved POIs.

(c) In coordination with all Marine Forces, Marine Corps Recruit Depots (MCRD), Expeditionary Warfare Training Group-Pacific (EWTG-PAC), and The Basic School (TBS), develop all MCWSTP POIs (resident and Mobile Training Team), course materials, advanced skills training packages, and special skills training packages in support of MCWSTP.

(d) Develop and implement Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in accordance with NAVMC 11632 (Emergency Response Drill).

(e) Maintain a record of certified Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) and Marine Corps Instructor Trainer of Water Survival (MCITWS).

(f) Conduct and/or coordinate MCWSTP Mobile Training Teams (MTTs).

(g) Conduct and/or coordinate MCIWS and MCITWS re/certification courses. Ensure curriculum is maintained, revised, and distributed to current MCIWS/MCITWS throughout the Marine Corps.

(h) Ensure quality assurance of MCWSTP by maintaining a current library of all approved course material for access and distribution.

(i) Conduct annual site assessments for all MCWSTP formal schools (EWTG-PAC, TBS, MCRD San Diego, and MCRD Parris Island).

(j) Advise CG, TECOM (C461) of all program waiver requests.

(k) Maintain and develop MCWSTP equipment requirements.

(l) Plan and conduct Course Content Review Boards (CCRB) in accordance with reference (g) to evaluate the MCWSTP program.

(m) Maintain close liaison with MCIWSs in the operating forces to ensure training is conducted professionally, in an operationally risk assessed environment, and the MCWSTP addresses the needs of the Operating Forces.

(n) In accordance with reference (h), act as Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Manager for the 0918 MOS in order to ensure the currency and relevance of the MCWSTP.

(o) Act as sole authority for training and certification/recertification of MCIWS/ MCITWS.

(4) Commanding Generals, Marine Corps Recruit Depots (MCRD)

(a) Conduct Water Survival-Basic (WS-B) MCWSTP qualification for all recruits and make appropriate qualification entries in the MCTFS per reference (e).

(b) Identify recruits who meet MCWSTP WS-Basic(+) qualification and make appropriate entries into MCTFS per reference (e)

(c) Ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and TECOM approved POIs.

(5) Director, Safety Division

(a) Provide an annual assessment of MCWSTP related injuries (Class A-C) to CG, TECOM (C461) no later than 28 February for the period 1 January through 31 December in order to analyze and make appropriate adjustments to the MCWSTP, as required.

(b) Provide CG TECOM a copy of all Class A and Class B Aquatic Mishap Safety Investigation Reports.

(6) Inspector General of the Marine Corps (IGMC)

(a) Review implementation and management of the MCWSTP during command inspections.

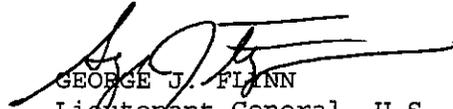
(b) Monitor MCWSTP Inspector General inspection results for the development of negative trends within the program and ensure information is provided to CG TECOM.

5. Administration and Logistics. The Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (CG, MCCDC) is responsible for the development, distribution, and maintenance of all master lesson files and supporting documentation for conducting Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program training. Recommendations concerning the contents of this Order may be forwarded to CG TECOM (C461) via the appropriate chain-of-command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


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A	SAMPLE Water Survival-Advanced Training Schedule
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Chapter 1

Qualification Levels and Requalification Intervals

1. Water Survival Unqualified. Does not meet minimum standard.
2. Water Survival Basic. Meets minimum standard. Possesses the rudimentary skills required to survive a water-borne mishap. Water Survival Basic (WS-B) training standards included in Reference (b)
3. Water Survival Basic Plus
 - a. Meets minimum standard and demonstrates aptitude for WS-Intermediate by passing all WS-B events on the first attempt and without remediation.
 - b. Water Survival Basic-Plus is an Administrative Qualification Level only, assignable only at MCRD Parris Island, MCRD San Diego, and TBS. Marines desiring to Lateral Move (LATMOVE) into a MOS requiring a MCWSTP qualification level beyond WS-Basic must meet the MOS requirement outlined in reference (f) to achieve the MOS prior to making a lateral move.
4. Water Survival-Intermediate
 - a. Exceeds minimum standard. Enhanced water survival skills providing commanders whose mission profile places Marines frequently around water training or Military Occupational Skill (MOS) requirement option.
 - b. Maintaining Water Survival-Intermediate (WS-I) qualification requires qualifying at current MCWSTP level prior to expiration.
 - c. WS-I Training Standards included in Reference (b).
5. Water Survival-Advanced
 - a. Advanced swimmer capable of rescuing swimmers in an aquatic environment. Water Survival Advanced (WS-A) qualified Marines do not receive additional First Aid training as part of MCWSTP.
 - b. WS-A qualification is the minimum qualification level that provides the requisite skills required for unit commander's risk mitigation when conducting training not directly linked to MCWSTP in and around water obstacles.
 - c. Marines qualified WS-A may assist MCIWSs/MCITWSs during courses of instruction and may serve as safety swimmers for pool and other aquatic training. WS-A qualified Marines may not conduct MCWST qualification or requalification.
 - d. WS-A Qualification Standards are included in Reference (b). A unit MCIWS may conduct WS-A Qualification training. A recommended WS-A qualification training schedule is included in Appendix (A)
6. Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival
 - a. Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) conducts water survival training and is authorized to qualify to the WS-A Qualification Level.

b. MCIWSs will complete and submit NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) in accordance with reference (e). NAVMC 11209 shall be used to ensure MCWSTP qualification levels are properly recorded in MCTFS. MCIWS will retain a copy of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) for a period of three years. Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28 is assigned to this reporting requirement.

c. MCIWSs will utilize NAVMC 11629 (Water Survival Training Requirements Checklist) in conjunction with the conduct of MCWSTP. NAVMC 11629 must be fully completed and signed by the primary instructor and Water Survival Safety Officer prior to the conduct of MCWSTP.

d. MCIWS Training Standards included in Reference (b).

7. Marine Corps Instructor Trainer of Water Survival. Marine Corps Instructor Trainer of Water Survival (MCITWS) trains and certifies MCIWSs and conducts water survival training through MCITWS certification. To be designated a MCITWS, a Marine must meet prerequisites contained in this Order and successfully complete the MCITWS certification process outlined in NAVMC 11626 (MCITWS Certification Checklist).

8. Requalification Intervals

a. WS-B Qualification is current for two years for both the Active and Reserve Component.

b. WS-I and WS-A Qualification is valid for three years for both the Active and Reserve Components.

c. MCIWS Certification is valid for three years.

d. MCITWS Certification is valid for three years.

e. Expired water survival qualification levels will revert to WS-U.

f. Marines will have one continuous training period, as defined by the Primary MCIWS, for each MCWSTP evolution to complete WS-B, WS-I, or WS- A qualification.

g. If a Marine's MCWST Qualification expires while in a Light/ Limited duty status, the Marine will have 90 days from returning from Light/ Limited Duty to requalify. Afterwards the Marine's qualification level will revert to WS-U.

Chapter 2

MCWSTP Requirements

1. Documentation

a. MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, Expeditionary Training Group-Pacific (EWTG-PAC) and The Basic School (TBS) must complete NAVMC 11629 (Water Survival Training Requirements Checklist) at the beginning of each MCWSTP Evolution for recruit/ student personnel.

b. NAVMC 11629 must be completed daily by MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, EWTG-PAC, and TBS when conducting MCWSTP for permanent personnel.

c. All units other than MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, EWTG-PAC, and TBS must complete NAVMC 11629 daily when conducting MCWSTP.

d. Within 30 days of completing a MCWSTP re/qualification course, the Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS shall ensure a copy of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) is submitted to the appropriate command representative for submission into the MCTFS. Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28 is assigned to this reporting requirement.

2. Instructor to Student Ratio

a. Instructor to student ratio for all levels of MCWSTP is a minimum of One MCIWS/ MCITWS for every 10 students in the water.

b. During conduct of MCWST Qualification, WS-A qualified Marines may augment the MCIWS/ MCITWS to student ratio. One WS-A qualified Marine may supervise a maximum of 5 Marines conducting MCWST qualification or requalification.

c. A minimum of two Marine Corps Instructor Trainers of Water Survival (MCITWS) are required to conduct a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) certification or recertification course, regardless of total amount of students.

d. A MCIWS may assist two MCITWS in instructing a MCIWS certification course and counts as an additional instructor. However, this does not replace the requirement for two MCITWS when conducting MCIWS Training.

3. Required Components for Qualification and Qualification Training

a. The purpose of the requirements outlined below is to provide an overall emergency response structure in order to mitigate risks associated with MCWSTP. The end state is to have a standardized structure that will be followed throughout the Marine Corps anytime MCWSTP is conducted.

b. The requirements outlined in this order are in addition to any requirements established at the local installation where MCWSTP training or qualification is to take place.

c. MCWSTP requires the following components:

- (1) Primary Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS)
- (2) Water Survival Safety Officer (WSSO)

- (3) Safety Corpsman or Emergency Response Officer (ERO)
- (4) Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Drill
- (5) Safety vehicle capable of holding a spine board

d. Units conducting MCWSTP will complete NAVMC 11629 (Water Survival Training Requirements Checklist) prior to conducting MCWSTP.

e. The combination of the safety vehicle requirement and casualty transport training of the Marine Corps instructor of Water Survival (MCIWS) provide safety architecture capable of safely transporting a casualty to a medical treatment facility. However, commands are still strongly encouraged to utilize Emergency Medical Services (Advanced Life Support/ Paramedic) (EMS/ ALS) support available via 911 in the event of an emergency, and only use the Government Safety Vehicle as a last resort.

d. MCWSTP Required Components Defined

(1) Primary Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival

(a) The Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS is responsible for the overall conduct of training. The Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS will direct any rescues in the event of an emergency when multiple MCIWS/ MCITWS are present. The Primary MCIWS may augment the 1:10 Instructor to student ratio. This individual must be a current MCIWS/MCITWS and have current American Red Cross certifications in:

1. American Red Cross Lifeguarding
2. Standard first aid
3. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer.
4. Oxygen administration
5. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the professional rescuer.

(b) The Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS will be responsible for conducting the ERP drill prior to beginning training. It is the primary MCIWS/ MCITWS responsibility to ensure that all personnel in the ERP are briefed on and know their roles in the event of an emergency. The Primary MCIWS/MCITWS is also responsible for ensuring the following required rescue equipment is present prior to training:

1. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
2. Spine-board with supports and straps
3. Oxygen delivery system
4. Rescue equipment (tubes, shepherds crook, etc.)
5. Safety vehicle capable of holding a spine board

(2) Water Survival Safety Officer (WSSO). Each MCWSTP evolution will have a designated WSSO responsible for supervisory oversight of safety for MCWSTP training. If EMS (ALS) responds to an incident during MCWSTP Training or Qualification, the WSSO will be the sole line of communication between the Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS and EMS (ALS). The WSSO rank requirement is Staff Sergeant or above and is not required to be MCIWS/ MCITWS certified. The WSSO will not participate in training. The WSSO and Officer in Charge (OIC) of training can be the same individual. Responsibilities of the WSSO include:

(a) Supervise all activity occurring on the pool deck and within the training tank.

(b) In the event of an emergency, act as the sole line of communication between the Primary MCIWS/ MCITWS and responding medical services.

(3) Safety Corpsman or Emergency Response Officer (ERO)

(a) The intent of this requirement is to have on-site safety personnel who have current CPR qualifications dedicated solely for safety purposes. All units except MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, TBS, EWTG-PAC, and MCWSS will have a corpsman present during the execution of the MCWSTP. These units are exempt only when an ERO is present; otherwise a corpsman is required.

(b) These units are exempt due to the presence of an advanced level of supervision, number of qualified instructors on staff, and redundant, permanent safety architecture supporting operations of these Formal Learning Centers and Entry Level Training Venues.

(c) Emergency Response Officer. The ERO must be a MCIWS/ MCITWS and will not augment the 1:10 student ratio. Additionally the ERO will not participate in training or assist the Primary or Assistant MCIWS during training. MCIWS/ MCITWS are specifically trained to provide rescue and recovery as well as immediate resuscitative measures. MCIWS/MCITWS are trained and certified by the American Red Cross to perform the following:

1. Victim rescue and recovery (VRR)
2. Spinal Management (SM)
3. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for Professional Rescuer
(CPR-PR)
4. Preventative Disease Transmission (PDT)
5. Oxygen Administration (OA)
6. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(c) Safety Corpsman: The Safety Corpsman must have current CPR certification. The safety corpsman will not participate in training. Navy Corpsmen are specifically trained on the following:

1. Spinal Management (SM)
2. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

3. Preventative Disease Transmission (PDT)
4. Oxygen Administration (OA)

(4) Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Drill: MCRD Parris Island, MCRD San Diego, The Basic School (TBS), MCWSS, and EWTG-PAC must conduct monthly ERP Response Drills. All other units must conduct an ERP Drill daily, prior to commencing MCWSTP training. The ERP Drill will be conducted in accordance with NAVMC 11632 (Emergency Response Drill). The ERP Drill at a minimum will include:

1. Function Check of rescue equipment
2. Rehearsal of responsibilities of the WSSO, Safety Corpsman, and ERO (where applicable)
3. Identification of Ingress/ Egress routes for Emergency Personnel
4. Creation of "strip map" of route to nearest Medical Treatment Facility with trauma treatment capability
5. Identification of training participants with medical considerations such as: currently taking any medication, immunizations within the previous 12 hours, identification of any open cuts or sores, pregnancy, etc.
 - a. Training participants with any of the above will consult a navy corpsman or health care provider before commencing training.

(5) Safety Vehicle Capable of Holding a Spine Board: The safety vehicle must be an authorized Government Safety Vehicle, must be in the immediate proximity to where MCWSTP is occurring, and dedicated solely to the MCWSTP Evolution. The Safety vehicle must be capable of holding a spine board. All units conducting MCWSTP Training or Qualification are required to have an authorized Government Safety Vehicle unless that command has Emergency Medical Services (Advanced Life Support/ Paramedic) support dedicated solely to that command's daily operations.

Chapter 3

Responsibilities

1. Commanders/Officers In Charge (OIC)

a. Commanders/OICs are responsible for the combat readiness of their organization. Commanders can enhance combat readiness through the conduct of MCWSTP.

b. Commanders/OICs are responsible for the development, implementation and management of MCWSTP. Commanders/OICs will apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) when conducting MCWSTP in accordance with reference (a).

c. Commanders/OICs are required to ensure their Marines comply with the requirements and standards contained in this Order and take appropriate action when required.

d. It is recommended commands possess one MCIWS for every 200 Marines required to conduct MCWSTP qualification per the contents of this Order. Commands and organizations without a MCIWS may request a Mobile Training Team (MTT) from the MCWSS to conduct MCWSTP qualifications. Annually recurring MTT requirements may be scheduled within the Training Input Plan. All requests must be made NLT 60 days prior to the start of the course.

e. Commanders/OICs will ensure the timely and accurate recording of performance data in Marine-On-Line (MOL), Unit Diary/Marine Integrated Personnel System (UD/MIPS), and the Marine Corps Training Information Management System (MCTIMS) Unit Training Management Module.

f. Commanders/OICs will ensure the timely and accurate recording, reporting, and investigation of all MCWSTP training Class A-C mishaps via the Naval Safety Centers Web Enabled Safety System (WESS) reporting system.

g. Commanding Officers (O5+) and/or the Director of MCWSS may revoke an individual's water survival training certification due to misconduct or unacceptable behavior during water survival training. If desired, Commanding Officers (O5+) and/or Director of MCWSS may forward appropriate recommendations to their respective Commanding General supporting removal of an individual's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0918.

2. Marine Corps Water Survival Chief Instructor Trainer

a. The Marine Corps Water Survival Chief Instructor Trainer (CIT) shall ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and TECOM approved POIs.

b. The CIT advises the Director, MCWSS, on the overall development of MCWSTP.

c. The CIT is resident at the MCWSS and is responsible for the research, development, and performance of the techniques and procedures taught in MCWSTP.

d. The CIT must be a certified MCITWS and a current American Red Cross Life Guard Instructor Trainer (ARC LGIT).

3. Marine Corps Instructor Trainer of Water Survival

- a. To maintain currency, a MCITWS must conduct a minimum of one MCIWS certification course per Calendar Year or the command will suspend his/her MCITWS qualification until recertified.
- b. Recertification for MCITWSs may take place only at the MCWSS, EWTG-PAC, TBS, MCRD Parris Island, MCRD San Diego, or any other location provided the current recertification standards are utilized in accordance with this Order. The recertifying MCITWS must be current in all required certifications as outlined in this Order.
- c. A MCITWS, regardless of locale, can instruct, certify, or recertify a MCIWS if using TECOM approved Programs of Instruction. Facility waivers for MCIWS recertification will not be authorized.
- d. MCITWS Qualification is valid for duration of assigned billet only at MCWSS, EWTG-PAC, MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, and TBS.
- e. The MCITWS shall ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and TECOM approved POIs.
- f. The MCITWS is authorized to conduct WS-B, WS-B(+), WS-I, WS-A, and MCIWS qualification, requalification courses, and recertify MCIWS and MCITWS.
- g. Certification of MCITWS requires submission of NAVMC 11626 (MCITWS Certification Checklist) to Director, MCWSS.
- h. The MCITWS billet exists only at MCWSS, EWTGPAC, MCRD San Diego, MCRD Parris Island, and TBS. MCITWS certifications shall be in accordance with NAVMC 11626 (MCITWS Certification Checklist). Enlisted Marines certified as MCITWS will receive the MOS 0918. A MCITWS will revert to MCIWS when transferred from commands identified in this paragraph.
- i. A MCITWS must maintain all required American Red Cross certifications, as outlined in this Order.
- j. Within 30 days of completing a MCWSTP qualification course, the MCITWS shall ensure a copy of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) is submitted to the appropriate command representative for submission into the MCTFS. Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28 is assigned to this reporting requirement.
- k. The MCITWS will ensure a copy of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) is submitted to MCWSS within 30 days of all completed MCIWS certification or recertification courses. Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28 is assigned to this reporting requirement.
- l. The MCITWS will retain a copy of all completed NAVMC 11629 (Water Survival Training Requirements Checklist) and NAVMC 11632 (Emergency Response Drill) for three years.
- m. All MCIWS required certifications are also required for MCITWS.

n. Report all Mishaps (Class A-C) up the chain of command to Director, Marine Corps Water Survival School in accordance with NAVMC 11630 (Water Survival Incident Report) and reference (i).

4. Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival

a. The MCIWS shall ensure all water survival training and certifications are in accordance with the contents of this Order and CG TECOM approved POIs. The MCIWS is authorized to conduct WS-B, WS-B(+), WS-I, and WS-A training, qualification, and requalification.

b. Initial MCIWS certification is valid for three years upon completion of MCIWS course. Recertification shall be accomplished in accordance with NAVMC 11628 (MCIWS Recertification Requirements). Enlisted Marines certified as MCIWS will receive the MOS 0918. If MCIWS certification expires, Marines will revert to WS-Unqualified.

c. The MCIWS shall ensure NAVMC 11629 (Water Survival Training Requirements Checklist) is fully completed and signed prior to any water survival training.

d. A MCIWS must maintain all required American Red Cross certifications, as outlined in this Order.

e. Within 30 days of completing a qualification course, the MCIWS shall ensure a copy of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) is submitted to the appropriate command representative for submission into the MCTFS. Report Control Symbol MC-1500-28 is assigned to this reporting requirement.

f. When requesting recertification, MCIWS's must provide copies of NAVMC 11209 (Instructor's Course Record) to the recertifying MCITWS in order to demonstrate competency and currency within the MCWSTP.

g. Report all Mishaps (Class A-C) up the chain of command to Director, Marine Corps Water Survival School in accordance with NAVMC 11632 (Emergency Response Drill) and reference (i).

h. If MCIWS certification expires, the Marine will have to go through the MCIWS course again. In addition, the MCIWS will automatically revert to WS-Unqualified and cannot conduct MCWSTP training until recertified.

i. Recertification for MCIWSs may take place at any location, provided the recertification is conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this Order and NAVMC 11628 (MCIWS Recertification Requirements). The recertifying MCITWS must be current in all required certifications as outlined in this Order. Facility waivers for MCIWS certification or recertification will not be authorized.

Chapter 4

Medical Considerations

1. Medical Considerations for All Marines. When a Marine is unable to perform or complete MCWSTP due to an underlying physical or medical condition, an evaluation by an Appropriately Privileged Health Care Provider (APHCP) must be conducted in accordance with references (j) and (k). The APHCP will make a medical status determination regarding the Marine's ability to complete MCWSTP or if referral to a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB)/Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) is warranted. A medical determination is required to excuse a Marine from participating in MCWSTP, but a PEB finding is required for an annual exemption. Marines assigned to a light/limited duty status are not exempt from the annual MCWSTP requirement and are still required to perform MCWSTP, unless otherwise specified by the APHCP. If the condition becomes extended or is considered permanent in nature, then a determination by a formal MEB, PEB, or both must be conducted to determine the Marine's medical qualification for continued active service. A Marine may not be repeatedly excused from participation in MCWSTP without a MEB determination and is not exempt from the annual requirement without a PEB determination.

2. Medical Considerations for Pregnant Service Women. Upon confirmation of pregnancy by a health care provider, pregnant service-women shall be exempt from MCWSTP. Upon return from maternity leave, a medical evaluation by a health care provider shall be obtained to determine the appropriate date when a service woman may again participate in MCWSTP; exemption status will end on that date.

3. Medical Exemptions

a. Medical Officers may recommend a medical exemption for any aspect of the MCWSTP Program to unit commanders. A limited duty status will be entered into the MCTFS only if the convalescent and limited duty period extends beyond the expiration date of the individual's current water survival training certification. Medical exemptions shall not exceed six months in duration. Members requiring an exemption exceeding six months in duration shall be referred to a medical treatment facility for further evaluation.

b. Upon return to a Full-Duty Status, the Marine will have 90 days to requalify. Otherwise the Marine's qualification level will revert to WS-U.

Chapter 5

Incident Reporting

1. Water Survival Incident Report. All water survival training incidents will be reported using NAVMC 11630 (Water Survival Incident Report) and in accordance with reference (i). NAVMC 11630 will be filled out by the primary rescuer and forwarded to the Director of Marine Corps Water Survival School (MCWSS) and the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Combat Service Support School via the chain of command. An accurate, detailed, and timely Water Survival Incident Report assists in the monitoring of the effectiveness of training and identifies potential safety hazards.

2. Class A Mishap Reporting.

a. All "Class A" aquatic mishaps, as defined in reference (i), will be reported via the Marine Corps Mishap Reporting System in accordance with reference (i). CG TECOM (C461) shall be provided a copy of all Aquatic Mishap Safety Investigation Reports.

b. Commanding Officers will ensure all "Class A" aquatic mishaps are entered into the Web Enabled Safety System (WESS).

Chapter 6

American Red Cross Certifications

1. MCIWS and MCITWS are required to maintain currency in the following American Red Cross Certifications:
 - a. American Red Cross Lifeguarding.
 - b. Standard first aid.
 - c. CPR for the Professional Rescuer.
 - d. Oxygen administration.
 - e. AED for the professional rescuer.
2. MCITWS must also be current American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructors (ARC LGI).
3. American Red Cross recertification expenses are the responsibility of the MCIWS/ MCITWS parent command.

Chapter 7

MCWSTP Exemptions

1. Exemptions

a. If a Marine's MCWSTP qualification expires while on Exemption Status, Marines have 180 days from the time exemption status ends to re-qualify before reverting to WS-U.

b. If a MCIWS is not able to recertify due to operational tempo and training requirements, the individual MCIWS should coordinate with Director, Marine Corps Water Survival School via chain of command prior to MCIWS certification expiration. In these unique situations, Director, Marine Corps Water Survival School can grant MCIWS expiration extensions on a case by case basis.

c. The following Marines are exempt from MCWSTP:

(1) Medical Exemptions.

(2) Pregnant Marines.

(3) Marines assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps.

(4) Marines assigned to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, and Marine Corps Embassy Security Command outside of Continental United States (CONUS).

(5) Marines assigned to the Marine Corps Recruiting Command (except personnel located at Marine Corps Base Quantico, MCRD Parris Island and MCRD San Diego).

(6) Marines assigned to Marine Support Battalion, Naval Security Group.

(7) Marines in a combat zone.

(8) Marines conducting Joint Training assigned to Interservice Schools with a current Inter-Service Training Review Organization (ITRO) Agreement.

(9) Marines assigned to joint or combatant commands, Marines serving in joint billets, or Marines serving on exchange tours with foreign military units.

(10) Marines assigned to the Marine Detachment, U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

(11) Aviation instructor personnel assigned to Marine Aviation Training Support Groups.

(12) Aircrew in an active flight status. While in an active flight status, aircrews are subject to the regulations and procedures contained in reference (1) and not to the Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program.

(13) Marines assigned to Mountain Warfare Training Center,
Bridgeport, California.

(14) Marines assigned to Marine Forces Europe, Marine Forces Africa,
and Marine Forces South.

(15) Marines qualified as Combatant Divers (MOS: 0324, 0326,
8026), assigned to diving duty, and who maintain currency per reference (m).

Chapter 8

Waivers

1. Waivers

a. Waivers from the requirements of this Order may be solicited only for short-term situations that temporarily prevent an individual, group, or entire unit from completing required MCWSTP qualifications. The intent is for units to request a waiver when it is determined that time or the lack of sufficient resources will prevent an individual, group, or entire unit from accomplishing required MCWSTP qualification. The purpose of granting waivers is to protect individual Marines who were legitimately unable to complete required MCWSTP qualification from being adversely affected.

b. Waiver requests must state the circumstances preventing an individual, group, or unit from completing required MCWSTP qualification and what steps are being taken by the unit to fulfill established training requirements. Waivers will only apply for the time period requested. A unit requesting a "blanket waiver" for the whole unit is not permitted. Waiver requests must be submitted with a by name roster of all individuals needing a waiver.

c. A record of all waivers will be maintained by the requesting unit for a period of three years.

d. Approved waivers are valid for only the calendar year biennial/triennial training requirements within this Order.

2. Waiver Authority

a. The authority to waive MCWSTP Qualification requirements in their entirety rests with Commanding Generals, to include Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and MEF Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Commanding Generals, for the current Calendar Year (CY).

b. Due to the unique nature of MARFORRES training requirements, Commanding Generals assigned to MARFORRES may waive MCWSTP Qualification and re-qualification requirements for two consecutive Calendar Years.

c. For separate organizations not commanded by a General Officer or not listed above, authorization to waive training must be obtained from CG, TECOM (C461).

d. For Marine activities that are not tenants of Marine Corps posts or stations, waivers may be submitted to CG, TECOM (C461).

e. Commands authorized by this Order to waive MCWSTP Qualification requirements must send a copy of the waiver response to CG, TECOM (C461), via the chain of command within 30 days of approval.

3. Facility Waivers

a. Not all training facilities contain the requisite platform or platform height for MCWSTP Qualification in accordance with MCWSTP T&R Events within references (b) and (c). Commands should follow the intent of this Order and reference (b) and conduct training and qualifications to the best of their ability. Any deviation from the qualification standards requires

the submission of a waiver to CG, TECOM (C461) for approval no later than 30 days before the training is conducted. This waiver must address specific actions taken (if any) in the future to follow the intent of this Order and applicable references in their entirety.

b. Facility waivers for MCIWS/ MCITWS re/certification or requalification will not be granted.

c. Facility Waivers are valid for 12 consecutive months from the date signed for all training outlined within the original request authorization at the training facility listed within the request authorization.

d. Address waiver submissions to:

COMMANDING GENERAL, TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMAND (C461)
MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
Attn: Marine Corps Water Survival Training Program, Program Manager
3300 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VA 22134-5012

Chapter 9

MCWSTP Training Equipment

1. Restrictions

a. Research indicates chlorinated pool water causes Kevlar material to oxidize which subsequently leads to its decomposition. This decomposition could adversely impact the Kevlar's ability to defeat ballistic threats.

b. Individual Combat Equipment (ICE) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) issued from Consolidated Issue Facilities (CIF) or Unit supply allowances are not authorized for use in the conduct of MCWSTP qualification and certification occurring in chlorinated swimming pools. Items not authorized include but are not limited to:

- (1) Outer Tactical Vest (OTV)
- (2) Modular Tactical Vest (MTV)
- (3) Scalable Plate Carriers (SPC)
- (4) Individual Full Spectrum Battle Equipment (FSBE)
- (5) Plate Carrier (PC)
- (6) Improved Modular Tactical Vest (IMTV)
- (7) Small Arms Protective Inserts (SAPI)
- (8) Enhanced Small Arms Protective Inserts (E-SAPI)
- (9) Any future equipment issued as replacement for the above listed items

c. This restriction does not apply to MCWSTP training and other water related training evolutions conducted in aqueous conditions other than chlorinated water.

2. Equipment Marking. All USMC Water Survival Qualification Training Sites utilizing ICE or PPE for the conduct of MCWSTP Training or Qualification will clearly mark these pieces of equipment as "TRAINING USE ONLY".

3. Shallow Water Egress Trainers (SWET). When utilizing SWET Devices outside the conduct of the Underwater Egress Course or training conducted in accordance with reference (1); one MCIWS/ MCITWS is required per SWET device.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE WATER SURVIVAL ADVANCED TRAINING SCHEDULE

PERIOD/ CLASS TIME	TYPE ACTIVITY/LESSON TITLE/LP REFERENCE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION/ EQUIPMENT
<u>T-1,</u>			
0600-0730/ 1 ½ hrs	WSB and WSI Review	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0730-0800/ 30 min	L/ Course Orientation	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0800-0900/ 1 hr	L/ Introduction to Water Survival Advance	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0900-0945/ 45 min	L/ Surveillance and Victim Recognition	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0945-1115/ 1 ½ hrs	L,D,A/ Survival Strokes	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1115-1300/	Chow	Class Cmdr	Chowhall/ Pool
1300-1430/ 1 ½ hrs	L,D,A/ Lifesaving Approaches, Tows, & Carries	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1430-1500/ 30 min	L,D,A/ Lifesaving Defenses	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1500-1545/ 45 min	L,D,A/ Rescues Student Practice #1,#2a,#3a	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1545-1615	L,D,A/ Introduction to Aerobics	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
<u>T-2,</u>			
0600-0730/ 1 ½ hrs	Stroke Refresher classes	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0730-0800/ 30 min	Conditioning Swim, 600	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0800-0845/ 45 min	L,D,A/Buddy Assist (Passive Victim)	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0845-0930/ 45 min	Recovery of a Submerged Victim	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0930-1000/ 30 min	L,D,A/Entries	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1000-1100/ 1 hr	A/ Rescues Student Practice #1, #2b, #3b	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
1100-1300/	Chow	Class Cmdr	Chowhall/ Pool
1300-1330/ 30 min	L,D,A/Escapes	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1330-1430/ 1 hr	A/ Rescues Student Practice #1, #2a, #2b, #3a, #3b	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1430-1515/ 45 min	L,D,A, Buddy Assist (Active Victim)	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
<u>T-3,</u>			
0630-0700/ 30 min	L,D,/Waterproofing	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0700-0730/ 30 min	Conditioning Swim, 700	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0730-0900/ 1 ½ hrs	L,D,A/ Equipment Rescues	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
0900-1030/ 1 ½ hrs	A/ Rescues Student Practice #1,#2a,#3a	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
1030-1100/ 30 min	A/ Rescues Student Practice - Rescue Tube	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1100-1300/	Chow	Class Cmdr	Chowhall/ Pool
1300-1330/ 30 min	L/Hypothermia	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
1330-1500/ 1 ½ hrs	A/ Rescues Student Practice #1,#2b,#3b	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
<u>T-4,</u>			
0800-0830/ 30 min	Conditioning Swim, 800	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0830-0930/ 1 hr	A/ Rescues Student Practice - Rescue Tube	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/S
0930-1030/ 1 hr	A/ Rescues Student Practice #1,#2a,#2b,#3a,#3b	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU/CL
1030-1100/ 30 min	Stroke Remediation	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
1100-1300/	Chow	Class Cmdr	Chowhall/ Pool
1300-1400/ 1 hr	Stroke Remediation	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU
1400-1430/ 30 min	A/Water Aerobics	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU

PERIOD/ CLASS TIME	TYPE ACTIVITY/LESSON TITLE/LP REFERENCE DESIGNATOR	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION/ EQUIPMENT
<u>T-5,</u> 0700-TBD/ TBD	WSA Qualification	MCIWS STAFF	Pool/CU/CL

EQUIPMENT

S	Slick
CU	Combat Uniform: Blouse, Trousers, Boots
CL	Combat Load: FLAK, service rifle and helmet
782	782 Gear

RESCUE PRACTICE TIME RESCUE PROCEDURES

#1 - Crawl stroke approach stroke, ready position, front head hold, front head hold escape, front surface approach, wrist tow.

#2a - Crawl stroke approach stroke, ready position, turn around, rear head hold, rear head hold escape, rear approach, double armpit level off, double armpit tow, cross chest carry.

#2b - Crawl stroke approach stroke, ready position, turn around, rear head hold, rear head hold escape, rear approach, double armpit level off, double armpit tow, collar tow.

#3a - Crawl stroke approach stroke, ready position, wrist grip escape, wrist grip escape alternate, rear approach, single armpit level off, single armpit tow.

#3b - Crawl stroke approach stroke, ready position, wrist grip escape, wrist grip escape alternate, rear approach, single armpit level off, collar tow.