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CLASSROOM DEMEANOR

I. PURPOSE

In order to create a productive professional learning environment, the proper understanding of expected classroom (training location) demeanor and behavior must be established. A professional learning environment creates a forum for the exchange of ideas with respect to individual difference. Certain rule must be established to facilitate the free exchange of ideas within the Academy group training setting. Recruit behavior, timeliness, preparation for class and respectful spirited communication all affect the Academy learning experience.

II. POLICY

It is necessary for the proper transfer of learning the critical objectives and the creation of a professional respect driven learning environment that all recruit officers understand and exhibit the proper Classroom Demeanor

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **CLASSROOM**: The Academy Classroom or other classroom settings where training instruction is provided, an area usually restricted to members of the Academy community.
- B. **PARA-MILITARY**: Like the military, organized along military lines.
- C. **“EFFICIENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT” PHILOSOPHY**: a minor relaxing of paramilitary behavior such to enhance the exchange of ideas, increase recruit officer comfort, participation and facilitate learning.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. All recruits shall be on time for the start of each training session
- B. All recruit officers shall be seated five minutes prior to the scheduled class starting time.
- C. A recruit officer shall not report late to any course of study (class) unless authorized by Academy staff.
- D. Seating arrangements will be assigned by the Academy staff.
- E. Recruit officers will address all staff by their proper title/rank or "Sir/Ma'am"
- F. Classroom breaks are given at the discretion of the instructor and it is the recruit officer's responsibility to return to class on time.
- G. Classrooms will be kept neat and orderly at all times.
- H. To ask or answer a question in class, recruits will raise their hands and wait to be recognized by the instructor.
- I. At the end of the period of instruction, recruits shall not leave until released either by the training staff, Team Sergeant/leader or the instructor of the class.
- J. Recruit officers will not slouch, put their feet on the desk, or appear to be sleeping at any point during class.
- K. Conduct outside the classroom whether on campus or off shall be in relation to the paramilitary model. Inside the classroom the "Efficient Learning Environment" philosophy will apply.



By Order Of:

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