

SACO Certification Course



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Introduction



Course Ground Rules

- Attendance
- Promptness
- Cell phones
- Attention
- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Participation
- Dress code

Primary Course Instructor: (Insert name and contact information for primary course instructor here)



Preliminaries

- Introductions
- SACO course pre-assessment
- SACO certification requirements
- IFTDTL and ADMITS accounts
- Why are you here?
- Collateral duties
- SACO Manual



USMC Substance Abuse Policy

MCO 5300.17 is the Marine Corps policy that is the foundation of the substance abuse prevention program.



USMC Alcohol Misuse Policy

- High-risk alcohol use is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and the Marine Corps mission.
- Policy violations may result in prosecution or adverse administrative actions.

Marines with possible alcohol problems should seek professional help BEFORE an incident occurs.



Prohibited Actions

- High-risk drinking
- Underage drinking
- Providing alcohol to underage individuals
- Being under the influence on duty
- Driving or operating heavy machinery while under the influence
- Riding in a vehicle with a driver who is under the influence



USMC Policy on Use of Prohibited Substances

According to **MCO 5300.17**, use of prohibited substances:

- Is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and the Marine Corps mission
- Will not be tolerated
- May result in prosecution and/or adverse administrative action

Drug offenses must and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.



Prohibited Substances/Items

- Illegal drugs
- Controlled substance analogs or designer drugs
- Substances intended to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, including:
 - Natural substances (e.g., fungi)
 - Chemicals (e.g., chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants)
 - Propellants
 - Prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds
- Drug paraphernalia



Prohibited Behaviors

Marines are prohibited from doing any of the following with a prohibited substance/item:

- Distribution
- Possession
- Use
- Manufacture
- Trafficking
- Introducing onto a base, vessel, vehicle or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces



USMC Substance Abuse Program Goals

PREVENTION: To prevent substance misuse and substance-related problems, including:

- High-risk alcohol use
- All illegal drug use
- Substance abuse and dependence (addiction)

RESPONSE: To identify and assist Marines with possible substance-related problems:

- Providing **early intervention** to Marines at risk of developing substance-related problems
- Providing **treatment** to Marines who already have substance-related problems



SACO Duties

- Advising the CO
- Prevention
- Education
- Drug testing (urinalysis)



SACO Duties: Advising the CO

- USMC substance use policies
- Unit substance abuse policies
- Substance issues in the unit or surrounding area
- Prevention education
- Scheduling drug testing (urinalysis)
- Positive drug test results
- Alcohol-related incidents (ARIs)



SACO Duties: Prevention & Education

Prevention

- Display of substance abuse prevention materials
- Assisting DDRC/A&SAPS with installation prevention efforts

Education

- Annual substance abuse prevention education
- Informal education opportunities



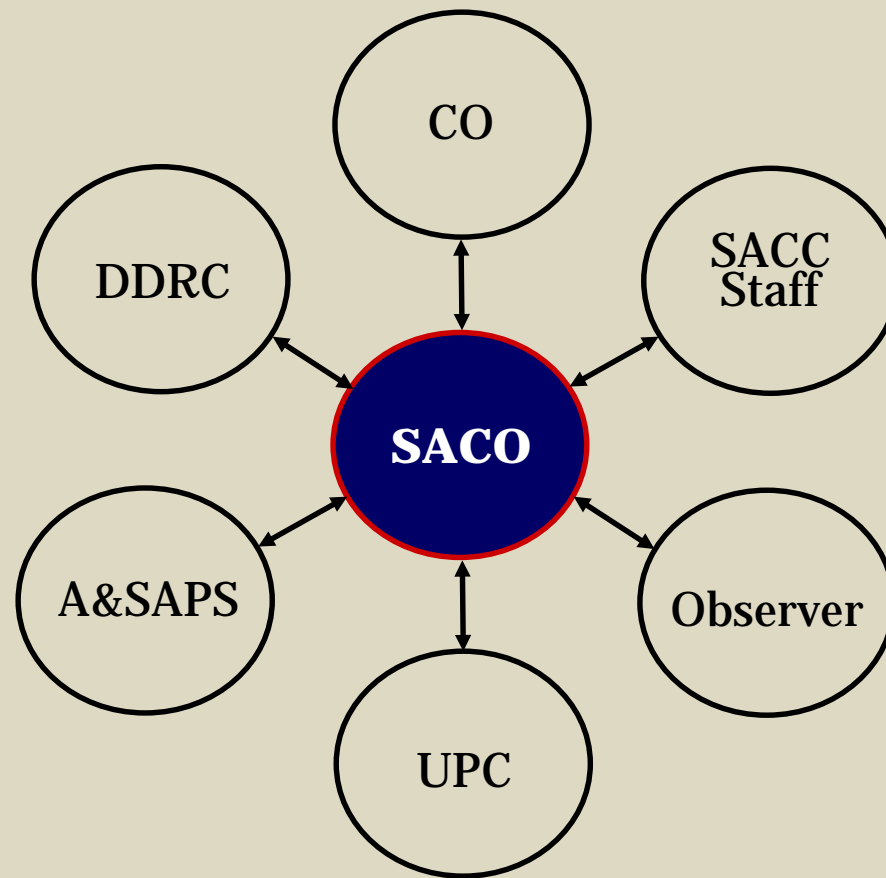
SACO Duties: Drug Testing (Urinalysis)

Annual testing of all Marines.
Monthly testing of at least 10% of the unit.
Other testing as required/ordered.

- Prepare for testing
- Train UPCs & observers
- Prepare for shipping
- Chain of custody
- Quality control
- Track test results
- Inform CO of positives
- Coordinate MO review
- Maintain records of testing, results



Role of the SACO within the Substance Abuse Prevention Team

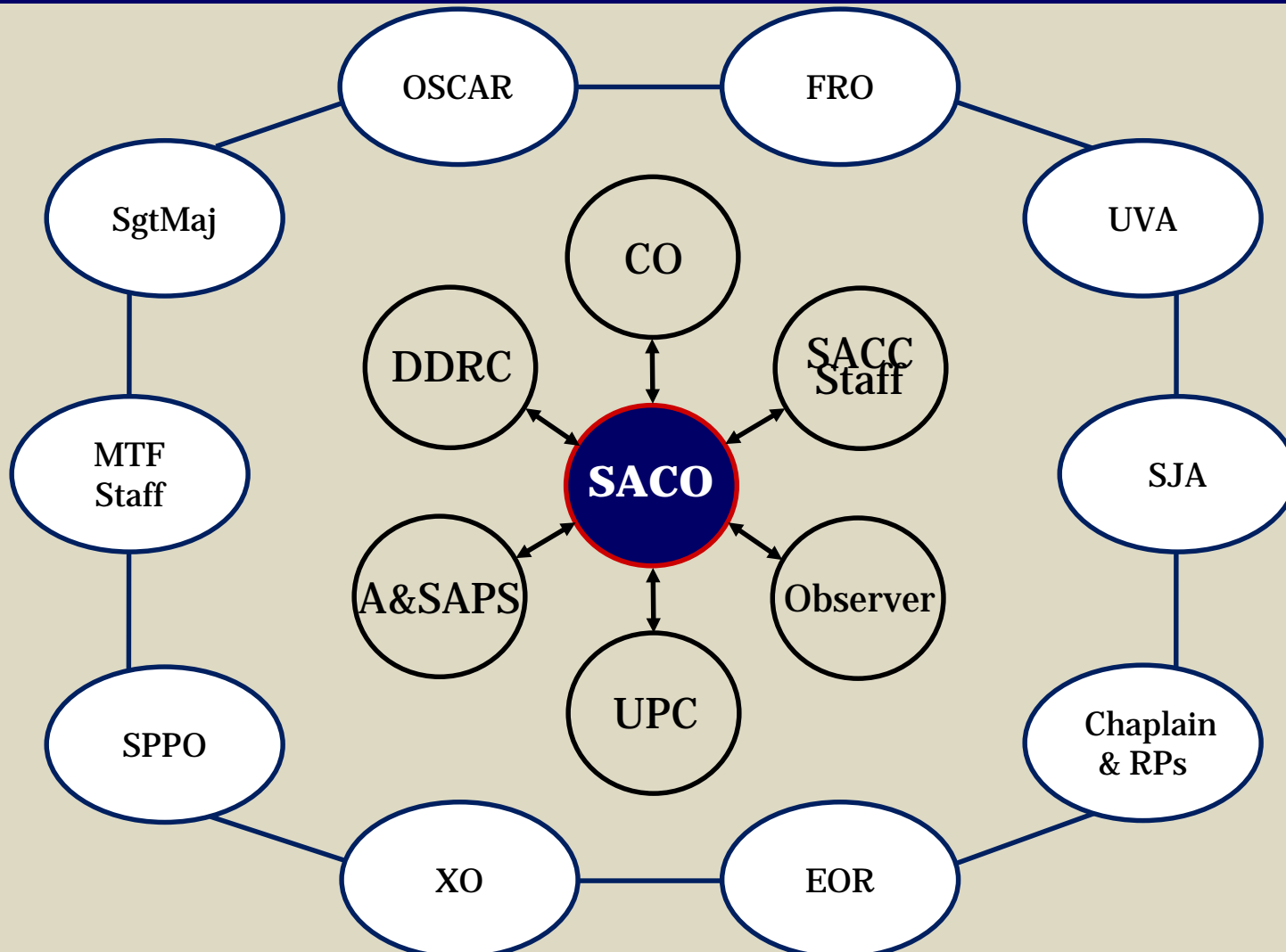


Substance Abuse Program Members

<u>Prevention</u>		<u>Response</u>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Drug Testing</i>	
CO	CO	CO
DDRC	DDRC	DDRC
SACC	UPC	SACC
A&SAPS	Observer	MO



Prevention Allies



Exercise

Who would you go to if ...?



Exercise:

Who would you go to if ...?

1. You overhear a Marine say that he was so drunk last night he doesn't know how he got home.
2. You suspect a Marine of using illegal drugs.
3. A Marine asks you about a new drug called "zinnies." He was offered one by a civilian at a party, but didn't take it. The guy who offered it to him said that drug tests can't detect it.
4. You are notified of a change in USMC substance abuse policy.
5. You hear an observer talking and laughing about how another Marine was unable to urinate with him watching.



Exercise:

Who would you go to if ...?

6. Your unit has a weak policy on alcohol misuse.
7. Your CO tells you to do random testing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
8. You hear Marines talking about how to beat drug testing.
9. During urine testing, an officer higher in rank refuses to be tested.
10. You see an underage Marine drinking.
11. You check and find out that 3 Marines in your unit tested positive for marijuana during the last random drug test.



SACO Manual

- Introduction
- Advising the CO
- Prevention
- Education
- Drug Testing
- Computer Programs
- Response
- Appendices



Course Outline

Day	Topic(s)
Day 1	Introduction Advising the CO
Day 2	Prevention Education
Day 3	Drug Testing
Day 4	Hands-on Computer Training
Day 5	Response Exam and Certification



Questions?

