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NORTHEAST REGION ACTION LETTER 01-13

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From: Northeast Region National Representative
To: All Regional Directors and Commanding Officers of the Northeast Region
Subj: UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS INVOLVED IN NSCC ACTIVITIES
Ref: (a) NSCC Regulations, Chapter 12, Section 1210.2

SITUATION: On 09 January 2013, a newly enrolled adult male was arrested on multiple charges of rape and other criminal activity involving an underage female. The individual has since been terminated from the NSCC but the situation demanded further investigation to determine what his level of contact had been with cadets and his involvement with the NSCC program before and after his enrollment.

BACKGROUND: The adult in question had expressed interest in becoming a member of the NSCC since last summer and with the permission of the then commanding officer attended numerous NSCC activities over a period of five months. He was given permission to “shadow” officers/instructors but was participating in NSCC activities on limited status while having some access to cadets. He finally applied for membership in December and was enrolled as a probationary Instructor on 23 December 2013. The mandated background investigation for previous criminal behavior did not reveal any prior arrests, nor did the interviews of his character references provide any negative comments that would disqualify him from enrollment.

Reference (a) clearly establishes the completed enrollment as the point at which adults may begin to actively participate in NSCC activities. It is important to note that this individual was permitted to participate in NSCC activities when he was not enrolled. Although our investigation determined that he was never alone with any cadet during this timeframe, his presence posed a threat to the safety and well being of all cadets. Therefore, IT IS IMPERATIVE that you follow established regulations, directives and guidance to protect yourself and the NSCC.

ACTION: Shadowing of NSCC personnel by interested adults and youth is permitted but must be strictly limited. Shadowing is a one-time opportunity to allow the interested party to observe the type of activities the NSCC is involved with, in an attempt to encourage their enrollment. However, no one that is not enrolled in the NSCC is authorized to participate in any NSCC activity. That means that the individual is only permitted to observe and not actively take part in any activity, regardless of how limited that participation may be.

ADULT PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENT

- All adults must be fully enrolled in accordance with Ref (a) before they are permitted to drill and participate in NSCC activities.
- All officers, midshipmen and instructors must have their membership in good standing and not expired when participating in NSCC activities.
- Non-enrolled adults seeking an opportunity to OBSERVE NSCC activities may do so, provided that they are escorted by a NSCC officer, midshipman or instructor and at no time is permitted unfettered access to cadets. The opportunity to observe is limited to a one-time visit only.
- Permitting persons conducting training for NSCC/NLCC personnel on a limited basis but are not enrolled in the NSCC is authorized. However, they are not permitted to be alone with any cadet that is not directly related to them, at any time.
- NSCC adult supervision is required to be present for any instruction provided by non-enrolled personnel.
- Parents involved in Support Group activities will be limited to support roles only. If they desire further involvement, they must become members of the NSCC.
- In any case not covered by NSCC Regulations, Directives or guidance by a superior command, guidance in regards to the involvement of an individual not enrolled in the NSCC will be sought at the next command level.

CADET INVOLVEMENT

- In accordance with Ref (a) NSCC/NLCC cadet membership must be in good standing with the NSCC and not expired before participating in any NSCC activity.
- No person not enrolled in the NSCC will be permitted to participate in NSCC/NLCC activities.
- Persons not enrolled in the NSCC are permitted to observe NSCC activities but are not permitted to participate in activity no matter how limited the participation is.
 - Visiting persons will be partnered with a responsible cadet during the entire visit and not permitted to roam unobserved during the visit.
 - The opportunity to visit the unit and observe is limited to a one-time opportunity.

CONCLUSION: It is not the intent of this directive to stifle or hinder recruitment or training by outside persons not enrolled in the NSCC program but it is necessary to provide the direction to commands when dealing with persons not enrolled in the NSCC but desire to participate in or support NSCC activities. It is imperative that commanding officers ensure the safety and security of all personnel under their charge by prohibiting participation and/or access to cadets by unauthorized persons.