

SAMHS COMMAND INFO BULLETIN



Issued by the Office of the Surgeon General

INTRODUCTION

SG has instructed that this Command Bulletin be read out at Weekly Command Briefings in all Units and Formations no later than five days after the date of the Bulletin.

SG COMMAND DIRECTIVE 01/2012: SAMHS PRIORITIES 2012/13: OPERATION BULLDOZER

The Surgeon General Command Group identified 12 issues that the SAMHS needs to focus on to ensure effective service delivery in terms of its mandate to clients and patients.

To ensure that this is seen as a priority, all commanders at all levels are instructed to implement measures in compliance with military regulations and linked to timelines to address the following issues:

- **Pharmaceuticals:** By the end of June 2012, three months stock must be available at units and six months stock must be available in the depot.
- **Uniforms:** To ensure that we are proud of our uniform, three months supply of all items must be available by the end of November 2012.
- **Patient Admin:** A functional patient administrative system must be established by the end of June 2012.
- **Discipline.** Our focus must be on the basics of discipline. We will begin by ensuring that everyone is on time at work. This is an ongoing process and will be monitored.
- **Procurement.** The SAMHS will shorten the acquisition time to the minimum time.
- **Obesity.** The SAMHS is the custodian of a healthy lifestyle in the Department of Defence. Chief Director Force Preparation must ensure that the necessary awareness is created in terms of obesity.
- **Telemedicine.** The necessary funding must be secured before 30 September 2012 to ensure that identified health facilities are linked in terms of pharmaceuticals.
- **Deployments.** Full staffing for operational deployments will be implemented. This must be a priority for all SAMHS members.
- **Career management.** Our Human Resources are the backbone of our organisation. Careers must therefore be managed in an effective and efficient way.
- **First line of contact.** Our front desks mirror our organisation. The discipline and etiquette of members serving at our front desks will be addressed as a matter of urgency.

- Compliance. Reorientation and inspections must be done by the Inspector General of the SAMHS during October.
- Serviceability of our vehicles and equipment. The serviceability of our vehicles and equipment must be at 40% by end of June 2012 and thereafter a 10% increase every month.
- Military Veterans. We are entrusted with the health care with these heroes and heroines of our past. The desired end state is a smoothly functioning veteran's health care system with the same service for all veterans. Improvement of service delivery to the Military Veterans must be reported on every month.

It is therefore important that all Commanders provide principled leadership, cooperate with each other to ensure success, reinforce the necessary work ethics and to develop skilled and well-motivated members.

SAMHS DAY 2012

SAMHS Day is an annual celebration of being a single Service of the SA National Defence Force since 1979. The aim is to commemorate and honour all those SAMHS members that paid the ultimate price in service of our great nation and to pay tribute to those members that are every day deployed in hospitals and sick bays, not only in South Africa, but also on our Continent.

This year SAMHS Day will take place in Kimberley, Northern Cape on 5 July 2012. As part of the SAMHS Day celebrations some community outreach actions will also take place from Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 July 2012.

Four events highlight the celebrations. They are:

- The outreach actions to the Galashiwe Community.
- Military Veterans Day.
- Medal parade at the City Hall and;
- A Gala evening.

An instruction requesting the necessary support will be issued in due course.

MOVEMENT OF DIRECTOR MILITARY HEALTH LOG

Please note that D MH Log has moved to Servamus 1 building in Kasteelpark. You can reach the directorate at (012) 484-4725.

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Discipline is everyone's business!!