

Interview summary into PO Gill death

Subject: SCPO [REDACTED] (Command Senior Chief, DOG Commissioning Cell)
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Conducted April 16, 2007

SCPO [REDACTED] visited MSST Anchorage on the 29th and 30th of January as part of her normal visits to the prospective DOG units. In my follow up interview, she stated that during sessions with the crew, and in normal touring of the facility, there seemed to be a significant morale problem. She stated there was a lack of spirit or initiative that she had seen at other units. An example of this was the response to one of her Standard questions: who would desire to extend or move on to another MSST or DOG unit? There were no hands. She said at previous visits to MSST, roughly 40 % of the members desire to remain in the program.

She also related her concern that there seemed to be a major disconnect between the troops and the unit leadership. The crew made comments that they were using boats beyond their capabilities and some safety concerns were either ignored or discounted. Those concerns were passed to the Pacific Area Command Master Chief as part of the normal outbrief process.