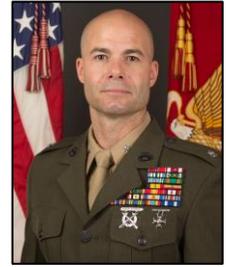




## Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 Safety Policy Statement



Force preservation and safety are vital to unit readiness and the overall ability of Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 to perform its mission essential functions in garrison, training, or combat. When a Marine or sailor is lost due to a mishap, the readiness and cohesiveness of the unit is compromised. Everything we do as Marines involves some inherent degree of risk. Mitigating those risks and hazards and ensuring the safety of every Marine and sailor is a shared responsibility. I am committed to maintaining an environment and culture where safety is inseparable from our climate and risk mitigation is integral to mission accomplishment.

Maintaining a command climate that is ever mindful of safety requires leadership. I expect leaders at all levels, regardless of rank or billet, to execute the processes of our Safety Program and actively apply the principles of risk management in order to safeguard our most precious resource – the Marines, sailors, civilians, and families of the MWSS 271 team.

While the mission is important, it cannot be achieved at the expense of our personnel and equipment. Risk management is a proactive process and the responsibility of the leadership directly involved in the mission planning and execution of daily operations. It requires good prudence, sound judgement and initiative. I expect all leaders to use the operational risk management (ORM) process as a tool to increase their awareness of the risks inherent to their responsibilities and reduce the potential for loss through informed decision-making that balances acceptable levels of risk to mission. ORM will be incorporated in all facets of daily operations, to include off-duty activities. ***I will not tolerate impulsive decisions that equate to a willingness to accept unnecessary risk and the safety of our personnel and equipment.***

The proactive management of risk at the point of friction is the responsibility of non-commissioned officers (NCO), who are best positioned to “seize the initiative” and “take decisive action” in the face of hazardous conditions. As the backbone of the Corps, NCO’s are obligated and empowered with the authority to control risks, reduce on and off-duty mishaps, and safeguard the general welfare of our Marines and sailors. I am trusting you to carry out this responsibility in full earnest.

Bottom line: Safety must be integrated in everything that we do. Every Marine and sailor is responsible for safety and the prevention of mishaps. The loss of a single member of our team is unacceptable and reduces our operational readiness. Regardless of rank or billet, you are authorized to challenge, stop, or raise the issue to your leadership whenever you believe that someone else is in danger or an unsafe action is about to occur. We will not lose a member of our team as a result of poor planning, complacency, or a lack of attention on the principles and processes of operational risk management. Accept nothing less and take care of your own.

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