



## MARINE AIR CONTROL SQUADRON-4 COMMANDING OFFICER SAFETY POLICY

Safety, readiness and mission accomplishment are inexorably linked. Each of us has chosen the profession of arms which is inherently hazardous and we must therefore place safety at the forefront of our thoughts and actions. Our Marines, Sailors and equipment are critical and finite resources that we must safeguard.

No matter what we do operationally or recreationally we must assess and manage risk. Simply put, **"THINK BEFORE YOU ACT"** and **"USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT"**.

Safety is the responsibility of every Marine and Sailor in MACS-4 regardless of rank. Leadership and proper supervision are the keys to safety and everyone's responsibility. Remember we are all leaders. We all have the obligation to display the moral courage to address any unsafe condition regardless of the situation or rank of those involved.

Leave and liberty mishaps are the number one cause of injury to Marines and Sailors and we must therefore be especially diligent at these times. It is when we are "off duty" that the tendency to relax our discipline is most likely. Remember you are a Marine 24/7 and have the responsibility to act accordingly; this includes acting safely by assessing and managing risk at all times.

MACS-4 will have a culture and atmosphere that promotes safety.

- Each of us will assess and manage risk during planning and execution of training and operations.
- During "off duty" activities we will be especially diligent and remember to incorporate safety measures in our actions.

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The MACS-4 Safety Officer is SSgt Estep and may be contacted at 636-3207. I encourage everyone to engage him in development of safety guidelines related to training, operational and recreational activities. Any suggestions to improving safety policies and procedures are welcome and may be submitted via your section safety representative or chain of command. Safeguarding ourselves and equipment is critical to mission accomplishment and readiness and cannot be ignored or an afterthought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.E. O'Harra".

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