



## **SAFETY POLICY**

### **MARINE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE SQUADRON 3**

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**Safety is a by-product of professionalism.** The Phantoms are professional warriors. What we do as Marines is inherently dangerous. We must be adept at managing risk or suffer the consequences. *A poor decision at a critical time can trigger a life-altering event.*

Risk management is a part of every decision we make, whether we are conscious of it or not. We must endeavor to make risk management a more conscious part of our decision-making process. All too often we either discount the probability or the severity of negative consequences, while inflating the probability or the benefits of positive ones.

We must be aware that risk management is not exclusive to "operational risk management (ORM)". Risk management must be a holistic and continuous effort, encompassing all your on-duty and off-duty activities.

In order to effectively manage risk, you must understand the Principles of Risk Management:

- a. Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost
- b. Accept no unnecessary risk
- c. Anticipate and manage risk by planning
- d. Make risk decisions at the right level

The vast majority of your risk management decisions will fall under the Time Critical level of risk management (Levels of Risk Management: In-Depth, Deliberate, and Time Critical).

Be familiar with and utilize the ABCD Model for Time Critical Risk Management.

- A – Assess the situation
- B – Balance your resources
- C – Communicate to others
- D – Do and debrief the event

When you assess the situation, always ask two questions:

- o What is the worst thing that can happen?
- o What bad thing is most likely to happen?

If you implement controls to mitigate those two outcomes, you've made a great start.

**PROFESSIONAL WARRIORS KNOW HOW TO TAKE RISKS.**

**Key References:** MCO 5100.29B, Marine Corps Safety Program; MCO 3500.27C, Risk Management; MCO 5100.19F, Marine Corps Traffic Safety Program (DRIVESAFE); MCO 5100.30B, Marine Corps Recreation and Off-Duty Safety (RODS) Program

Semper Fidelis,

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