



Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 Marine Aircraft Group 36

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY



The Commandant's Safety Policy states, **“Safety is integral to force protection and the operational readiness of the Marine Corps.”** To remain one of the many platforms for power projection in defense of our nation, we must be on the alert for unsafe acts and practices and make corrections without fail.

Leaders at every level must implement Marine Corps safety and occupational health programs and promote safe practices during all operations and training.

MWSS-172 prides itself at sustaining a ready force so that when we are called upon, we can execute quickly and professionally. Our Firebirds form the pillar of our organization, and our operational readiness is anchored by ensuring their safety. Aggressive application of our safety programs and operational risk management is essential to keeping our Firebirds—whether on-duty or off—along with their families, safe and healthy. I ask each of you to be always vigilant when it comes to the safety of yourself, your Marines and Sailors, and your families. Preserving combat capability is everyone's responsibility.

Vehicle mishaps are a primary killer of Marines. Speeding, using cell phones while driving, and DUI are 100% preventable. Failing to wear proper PPE and seatbelts are inexcusable behaviors that indicate a lack of self-discipline and disregard for following simple instructions. All leaders must teach and practice the fundamentals of risk assessment to create plans that eliminate avoidable risk.

Whether assigned as a Range Safety Officer, Guardian Angel, or assuming the mantel of leadership as the senior Marine among Marines, YOU must be part of the solution to prevent and mitigate injury and loss. Always be aware of your environment, the actions of fellow Firebirds, your equipment status, and applicable mission requirements. Weigh the situation, mitigate risk, and carry on. If you see something unsafe, I expect YOU to speak up and act or seek assistance from someone who has the right influence. Take care of each other. Every Firebird is critical to our mission. Mission First, Marines and Sailors Always!

Semper Fidelis,

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