



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



Safety, risk management, and force assurance are Operational and Readiness requirements and critical to the responsibilities of command. As such, I take them very seriously. Our Sailors, Marines, and Civilians are the center of gravity for Field Medical Training Battalion - West (FMTB-W). Ensuring the safety and well-being of our teammates must be a part of our daily lives. To be effective, the FMTB-W safety program requires the total support of all hands and the continued awareness by each member of our team. All aspects of our mission involve risk, whether we are conducting hands-on training, executing physical training evolutions, or transporting gear and personnel to training area. However, we should not accept or tolerate any unnecessary or uncalculated risks that endanger our people. All levels of the chain of command within FMTB-W shall use operational risk management (ORM) as a tool to help ensure that we can accomplish our mission in the safest possible manner.

Safety is, without question, the responsibility of each member of this unit. Every member must actively mitigate on and off duty risks and hazards to maintain individual readiness. To develop and sustain quality safety and health management is not an easy task. Our command will employ its safety official (e.g., Safety Officer) to promulgate and sustain quality safety framework and keep our core value of safety at the forefront of all we do.

Safety is a leadership responsibility and all staff members are considered leaders, leaders provide FMTB-W's foundation for safety – reinforcing individual and unit safety measures. Small unit leaders have a profound impact on ensuring the continued safety of all personnel onboard. I task each staff member to:

- Maintain situational awareness, follow all safety programs designed to preserve our personnel and equipment, and enhance our capability by preventing mishaps.
- Integrate ORM into ALL decision-making processes.
- Establish/ reinforce a culture that incorporates hazard awareness and risk management as our standard means of executing our business.
- Mentor-Teach-Educate less experienced personnel, by passing on knowledge, experience, and understanding of our Safety Program and its' initiatives.
- Ensure those whose actions embody our culture of Safety are recognized through our Safety Program.
- Utilize all available tools up to and including our Safety team IOT support our planning activities and the execution of evolutions.

We will never risk the health of a Service Member or break equipment for the sake of training. We must all strive to provide the safest possible work and living environments for each other. Danger and risk will always remain a part of our military culture, but through attention to detail, prudent risk decisions, and being proactive, we can reduce the chance of accidents and injuries.

For assistance and/or guidance please contact the FMTB-W Safety Officer or your chain of command.

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