



## ***SAFETY***

### ***Commanding Officer's Policy Statement***

Within MATSG-21, we will establish and maintain a professional safety culture that preserves our resources through risk management, reinforces safe behavior on and off duty, and that results in an enhanced state of readiness which contributes to mission accomplishment. We measure success by preventing damage and injury. Potential causes of damage and injury are considered hazards; we want to maximize mission effectiveness through the elimination or control of hazards, thus managing risk to an acceptable level and preventing mishaps. All members of this unit must promote an active safety culture and in doing so we will accomplish the mission safely and effectively.

#### **How does this impact your ability to complete your mission?**

As the Nation's Force In Readiness, the Marine Corps must be ready to go "at any time". Our job at MATSG-21 is to enable the training of Marines for the Fleet Marine Forces. Poor safety cultures degrade our ability to do so, and results in Marines who are not ready to go when our Nation calls.

#### **What do I want you to do?**

1. Pursue personal and professional excellence- the effect of which will be increased awareness, sound judgement, the ability to predict consequences, and a bias to "do the right thing".
2. Every member of MATSG-21 is a Safety Leader. Leadership is a key element in establishing the safety culture, and all levels in the Chain of Command must emphasize and incorporate safety and risk management into all aspects of daily routines; both personal and professional.
3. Bring to the attention of your command through established procedures the existence of any unsafe operations or working condition.
4. Report both on and off duty mishaps and near misses (a near miss is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage- but had the potential to do so) to your leaders/supervisors. Civilian Marines shall report all on duty mishaps and near misses to their supervisors. Leaders and supervisors will in turn, report the incident to the Chain of Command and the Command Safety Office.
5. Comply with the requirements of the Marine Corps Safety Program for ground and aviation safety.

**Reference:** MCO 5100.29B, Marine Corps Safety Program

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