

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SAFETY

Protection of our people and equipment is critical to preserving our combat power. As the Commanding Officer, I am responsible for, and will preserve, those assets. The loss of any Marine, Sailor, or equipment in peacetime is unacceptable, but can be mitigated with proper planning and leadership at all levels.



Safety is a command responsibility. It is linked to force preservation, just as force preservation is linked to combat power. Commanders shall implement all aspects of the Marine Corps Occupational Safety and Health program throughout their command for both on and off-duty events. Commanders will:

- Establish and maintain an aggressive safety program designed to prevent both on and off-duty mishaps.
- Designate the Safety Officer as a special staff member at the regiment and battalion level in accordance with MCO 5100.29B.
- Implement and monitor a Motorcycle Mentorship Program that focuses on decision making, education, risk management, while ensuring that mandatory training is completed and then recorded in MCTIMS.
- Integrate safety guidelines into orders, training programs, technical and tactical publications, checklists, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and leave/liberty policies.
- Ensure that all personnel read and understand all SOPs applicable to their tasks. Lack of knowledge is often a key factor in mishaps.
- Incorporate hazard awareness and risk management as a habit when planning and executing training, daily tasks, combat operations, and off-duty activities.
- Review safety requirements, OSHA Standards, and Navy/Marine Corps standards for military unique equipment, systems, and operations.
- Conduct force preservation councils on a monthly basis to identify at-risk personnel and link them to appropriate resources.

Everyone in 1st Marine Regiment is a safety officer. We all must do our duty to prevent mishaps and preserve our combat power both in and out of combat. There is no way to eliminate all hazards, but it is the responsibility of every leader to **MITIGATE** risk and **PROTECT** our people and equipment.

Our 1st Marine Regiment Safety Officer is 1stLt Ulloa at (760) 725-7938.

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