MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 273
SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

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Force preservation is a vital element of our combat readiness; death, serious injury, and the loss of materiel assets due to mishaps directly and negatively impact the war fighting capability of the entire MWSS-273 team. Engaged leadership at all levels within our squadron is the key to ensuring a command climate that demands the preservation of Marine Corps assets through risk management. Subordinate commanders at all levels shall establish and maintain a vibrant and viable safety mindset in which combat readiness, eliminating preventable mishaps, and preserving our most precious assets - our Marines, Sailors, civilian personnel – is an all hands responsibility.

Our Safety Program shall apply to military unique equipment, systems, operations, and workplaces just as they apply to warrior preservation and mission accomplishment. When the application of federal safety standards is not possible or when regulatory standards simply do not exist for military unique processes, we will develop and publish special military standards, rules, and regulations prescribing appropriate safety and occupational health measures.

Risk management is a leadership responsibility that balances training and operational requirements with the known risks of the mission at hand. Subordinate commanders, SNCOs, and NCOs positively influence safe behavior by setting the example and holding their Marines and Sailors accountable for their behavior and performance. In order to enhance our professional competence and improve force preservation, we will not only instill the requisite five step Operational Risk Management (ORM) skills in all personnel, but we shall also embed risk management tactics, techniques, procedures, and processes in all training and operational planning.

Safety Officers and Managers shall be assigned in writing and have direct access to me for all safety matters. Although our designated safety personnel will be fully qualified and trained for the job at hand, safety will always remain an all hands responsibility. I advise all personnel to take initiative and report any and all unsafe or unhealthful working conditions using NAVMC 11401 ("Anymouse") forms.

My Squadron Executive Officer is responsible for the execution of the unit's safety program on my behalf and can be reached at (843) 228-8302. He is ably assisted by the Squadron Safety Officer who can be reached at (843) 228-8338.

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