MCLB ALBANY

COMMAND SAFETY PROGRAM

Base Commanding Officer's Safety Policy

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany exists to provide the full range of installation support services that enable the supported commands aboard the installation to accomplish their assigned missions in support of the Warfighter. Safety is important and critical to mission success; not just for our mission, but for the Marine Corps warfighting mission as a whole. We cannot complete our mission unless we jealously guard our precious resources: our people, our equipment, and our facilities. That means we must include risk management as part of every task, process, and operation - both on duty and after-hours. We simply cannot afford to lose a single person from a mishap for even a few hours.

Safety is a shared responsibility between the individual and the leader. Creating the command climate free of mishaps rests with my subordinate leadership and me. To achieve this climate, I expect the following:

- Exhibit a solid commitment to mishap prevention and risk management.
- Verbalize a belief in the value of safety.
- Be courageous enough to set and enforce tough and sometimes unpopular standards. Do not accept shortcuts due to operating tempo.
- Allocate safety resources and provide quality training to ensure personnel learn correct safety practices.
- Possess the integrity to hold people accountable for violations of safety standards.
- Demand a completed ORM worksheet prior to executing base events, and high-risk and non-routine processes.

After-hours activities require special emphasis. Off-duty mishaps injure and kill Marines. These activities include swimming, biking, hunting, motorcycle riding, and shooting privately owned weapons. Staff NCO's will counsel Marines who are involved in high-risk recreational activities or demonstrate a lack of competence or discipline. Teach them to look out for each other when they are not under our direct supervision. Civilian supervisors will likewise emphasize after-hours safety with their personnel.

Private motor vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of death to Marines. Risk factors include speed, fatigue, alcohol use and failure to wear seat belts. Wearing a seat belt is the law. Marines involved in PMV mishaps who are not wearing seat belts or personal protective equipment may be considered not in the line of duty.

Finally, you are officially appointed as the safety officer for those around you. You are authorized to challenge, stop, or raise the issue to your supervisor or union representative whenever you believe an unsafe action is about to occur.

We have an award-winning safety program at MCLB Albany. I am committed to making our Base the safest place in the Marine Corps to work, live, and visit.

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