



COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SAFETY



Achieving operational excellence in today's environment requires us to deal effectively with uncertainty and complexity while balancing priorities among scarce resources. This balance, and likewise, our mission success, can only be achieved through the effective use of risk management by all members of the Air Station. All members need to be aware of their responsibility to support the safe execution of our mission and realize that they are empowered across the chain of command to stop unsafe acts and to address unsafe situations.

At Cherry Point, we:

- Nurture a culture of operational excellence.
- Accept honest mistakes, and learn from them.
- Realize safety is not a priority, it's a value... and it's how we operate here.
- Understand that safety is a readiness enabler, not a mission inhibitor.
- Integrate safety throughout our planning and execution cycles.
- Actively identify and mitigate risks to maintain both individual and unit readiness... both on duty and off.

Failure jeopardizes the health, safety, and combat readiness of our most valued assets: our Marines, Sailors, and civilian employees. Any loss, on duty or off, can impact our ability to accomplish our mission.

In order to succeed as the key support platform for force projection, your action, and the direct support of leaders at all levels, is required. I need you personally committed to safety, executing our mission, and making smart decisions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

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