



COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13
COMMANDING OFFICER'S
SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



We all have a role in safety and everyone is a safety officer. Every individual has a responsibility to mitigate risks and hazards in order to maintain their individual readiness. Readiness and cohesion are compromised when Marines and Sailors are lost or injured due to mishaps.

I am committed to maintaining an environment that emphasizes that all hands must take a personal interest in preventing injuries and destruction of property. Sadly, many accidents could have been prevented with appropriate planning, risk assessment and risk management. Most accidents could be avoided if someone would intervene at some point during the chain of events leading to the mishap.

Every Marine, Sailor, and civilian is responsible for mishap prevention. Every individual regardless of grade, can and must stop a training evolution or event if he or she observes something that leads them to believe they or someone else is in danger. When in doubt, stop the event.

Although safety procedures, however well employed, can never completely eliminate risk in what is an inherently dangerous profession – the profession of arms – we must aggressively use Operational Risk Management (ORM) techniques to identify, understand, and mitigate associated risks. **We will incorporate ORM into all facets of daily operations within CLB-13, to include off duty activities.** Ensure ORM is not confined to safety stand-downs, pre-holiday lectures, and HARP forms.

All Marines and Sailors must assess their risk before beginning training or heading out on liberty. Knowledge and a good plan, written or thought out and being aware will provide a good foundation to avert many mishaps from occurring. Case in point: When entering a vehicle it is every driver and passenger's responsibility to take care of each other by wearing seatbelts and adhering to the speed limit.

With the empowerment of leadership in this organization, it all starts at the NCO level. **NCO's – as the backbone of our Corps - you are in the best position in our organization to positively influence our unit. This applies equally in matters of safety and warrior preservation. You are the first influencer to reduce mishaps, on- and off- duty, during operations, and during training and recreation. I am counting on you to take this responsibility fully.**

This should go without saying, but history proves it must be reinforced- **DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!** Not only do you risk your own life (and your career and your future), but you risk the lives of innocents. Don't let a catastrophe of this sort stand on your conscience for the rest of your life. Do not get behind a wheel after you have been drinking. Think of drinking and driving as a personal assault on your family. This battalion and the individuals in it are part of that family, and that includes me.

I am committed to maintaining the highest safety posture in this unit. I ask you to do your part.

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Commanding Officer

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