



COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST SUPPLY BATTALION
STATEMENT ON



Safety Policy

Marines and Sailors,

Our mission as a supply battalion, the equipment we work around, and the operations we conduct, means that our surroundings are inherently dangerous.

Safety Mission: At all levels, we must ensure that we maintain strict adherence to published standards and procedures in order to avoid serious harm or death to our most valuable asset – an individual Marine or Sailor at 1st Supply Battalion.

Commander's Intent: Create an environment where ALL Marines and Sailors actively recognize, respond, and report potential safety concerns.

Force preservation is an integral part of our mission and it must be considered in all actions that our Marines and Sailors take, whether on or off-duty. Marines and Sailors at every level must be actively engaged in the Operational Risk Management (ORM) process to ensure that we mitigate potential hazards while implementing the proper safety controls. Equally important, peers need to be actively engaged in safeguarding the welfare of those Marines and Sailors on their left and right, and have the moral courage to challenge poor decisions and actions. Every member of 1st Supply Battalion has an obligation to report unsafe acts, unsafe equipment, and all hazards identified.

We will facilitate the reporting and open discussion of safety issues through a Battalion Safety Council. This Council will meet monthly with key safety representatives and quarterly with the Company Commanders, key staff, and Commanding Officer, and while I direct each company and section to participate, I encourage all Marines interested to attend. Your voice must be heard, and the Council must be empowered to take action, if we will combat the unnecessary costs of mishaps and accidents. The Council will also recommend Marines and Sailors for recognition that contribute to maintaining a safe working environment.

Ultimately, our actions must be guided by the proper procedures set forth in DoD, Marine Corps, I MEF, MCB Camp Pendleton, 1st MLG, and 1st Supply Battalion orders and directives and technical manuals, while remaining grounded in the tenets of ORM and common sense. Safety will never be compromised in pursuit of mission accomplishment and leaders at all levels must ensure that our Marines and Sailors follow established safety procedures and make good life choices. Safety is everyone's responsibility and is directly linked to mission accomplishment, readiness, and high morale in the battalion.

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Semper Fidelis,

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