



COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFETY



We operate in an inherently aggressive, danger filled profession of arms focused on achieving and maintaining the highest state of combat readiness. The achievement of combat readiness becomes only reasonably manageable through constant vigilance, discipline, and high standards of training and operations.

Safety is central to ensuring the highest state of readiness and must not be an afterthought of our actions on duty or liberty. While risk is inherent in many things that we do, we must learn to manage it by controlling and mitigating risk. This requires proactive planning, disciplined execution, and constant awareness of threats, both on and off duty. Accepting needless or uncalculated risks endangers our CATC, Camp Fuji Team and is unacceptable.

Risk mitigation is the primary means available as we fight to eliminate senseless and needless loss of life and injury, both on duty and on liberty. I charge all Marines, Civilian Marines, and Sailors, especially our Non-Commissioned Officers, to ensure risk mitigation strategies are included in the planning and execution of all on-duty and liberty activities; we do it in combat...this should carry over to garrison.

Leaders at all levels must be vigilant and identify hazardous conditions, and either correct them immediately or report them to their supervisor or Command Safety Representative- Mr. Darrell Lawson at 224-8464 or darrell.lawson@usmc.mil. Furthermore, leaders must remain vigilant in maintaining situational awareness and taking appropriate action to address those acting in an unsafe manner.

Every Marine, Civilian Marine, and Sailor in this command is an irreplaceable national asset. Take care of each other, do the right thing and think. The Command and your fellow Marines and Sailors need you with them in the fight when the nation calls.

CHRISTOPHER R. ESCAMILLA
COLONEL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING OFFICER
COMBINED ARMS TRAINING CENTER (CATC), CAMP FUJI