

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SAFETY

Our most precious asset is our people: Marines, Firefighters, Police Officers, and the essential support personnel within the Battalion. Safety and risk management are part of every task, process and operation, whether on or off-duty. Even one injury reduces our mission capability.



Leaders are responsible for taking care of all personnel under their charge. Engaged mentoring, training, and guidance are critical to eliminating the needless loss of life and injury. Leadership does not stop at the front gate or when secured. We must all make sound decisions whether on or off-duty.

Ensuring that work conditions and our actions are safe resides at every level of our command. The responsibility for risk mitigation is shared by all personnel. All members of Security Battalion must strive to foster a command climate that promotes safety and preserves the assets, capabilities, and people of this command. All personnel involved in training or the execution of an event are first line safety officers. You are the first step in preventing a mishap.

As the protective and emergency services force for Marine Corps Base Quantico, we are expected to ensure the safety of all those who reside and work on the base as well as the surrounding areas by providing Police, Fire, and Emergency Services support. Before we begin to ensure the safety of those we serve, we must first ensure the safety of those within the Battalion so that we are a mission capable unit.

Engaged small unit leadership is a key element to identifying "at-risk" personnel and then implementing risk mitigation plans. While on liberty, if you detect a hazardous situation it is your responsibility to take appropriate action, just as you would if you witnessed a burglary being committed or an active fire. If you perceive something to be a safety hazard, speak out and take action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cato II".

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