

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SAFETY

The people within this organization are our most precious asset. Ensuring the safety and well-being of every Marine, Firefighter, Police Officer, and our essential support personnel is critically important. We cannot afford to lose a single member of our team to death or serious injury due to unsafe practices or reckless behavior.

Everyone assigned to Security Battalion must adopt a "safety-first" mentality. This means maintaining a safe work environment at all times and using the Operational Risk Management (ORM) process. There must be a serious commitment at all levels to minimizing risks and protecting the people within our organization.



Safety and mission accomplishment are complementary. We will use ORM in everything we do, ensuring our personnel accomplish the mission while consciously identifying and mitigating risks. Leaders at every level will ensure that all of their personnel understand and comply with the Marine Corps Safety Program. All Security Battalion personnel must be familiar with the ORM process and use it to mitigate risk prior to each action. We must foster an environment conducive to operating safely and ensure that command safety requirements are strictly observed.

We must also strive to prevent death or injury to our personnel resulting from unsafe behavior or activity while off-duty. We cannot afford to lose a member of our team to a motor-vehicle accident, alcohol related incident, or mishap while on liberty. Everyone will receive safety briefs from their immediate chain of command on a reoccurring basis and you must take care of one another when off-duty.

Finally, everyone is a safety officer. Each member of our team, regardless of rank, should stop an event if he or she determines it is unsafe and immediately report the problem to the chain of command or a supervisor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Schnakenberg".

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