COMMANDING GENERAL'S MISSION AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Our mission at Marine Corps Installations East - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune is to Command and Control assigned Marine Corps Installations to enable the operating forces, tenant commands, military personnel, and their families. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ also operates a training base that promotes the combat readiness of the operating forces and the mission of other tenant commands by providing training venues, facilities, services, and support in order to be responsive to the needs of Marines, Sailors, and their families.

Due to our unique mission, we must continuously reinforce the importance of safety and operational risk management among all MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ subordinate commands, staff, and supporting elements. The nature of the supporting establishment environment has the potential to breed complacency; however, our professional approach to the mission will mitigate that potential.

I view safety and risk management as byproducts of professionalism. As we continuously strive for personal and professional excellence, a natural effect will be increased awareness, sound judgment, the ability to predict consequences, and a bias to 'do the right thing.' Leadership is a key element in establishing the safety culture and all levels in the chain of command must stress safety and risk management to ensure it is incorporated into all aspects of our business - on and off-duty.

The Commandant has decreed that all Marines and Civilian Marines shall employ a range of tools to positively affect force preservation. Risk mitigation is one of the primary means available to eliminate injuries and the senseless loss of life, both on-duty and off. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ leaders will ensure risk mitigation is employed when accomplishing daily tasks and when those in their charge are planning off-duty activities. Furthermore, the safety programs implemented by MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ will aggressively pursue the reduction of incidents on and off-duty through the implementation of risk mitigation measures, comprehensive safety training and education, oversight by leaders, and accountability.

Lastly, every decision you make affects not only you, but your loved ones and fellow co-workers, as well. I need every Marine, service member, civilian Marine, and contractor to be a safety officer, and to step-up and stop or correct any unsafe activity. If it doesn't look right, smell right, sound right, or feel right, chances are it's not right. Your diligence and proactive actions could save a life or prevent serious injury. Think, Decide, and Act - in that order.

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