



Commanding Officer's Safety and Force Preservation Policy Statement



The fundamental mission of 3d Intelligence Battalion is to support the III MEF Command Element, Major Subordinate Commands, and other commands/units as directed. At war, during training exercises, or supporting contingency operations, risk management and taking care of each other works and makes sense to Marines – no Marine fights alone and no Marine is left behind. Taking care of our fellow Marines is a proud and time-honored tradition that we must embrace at every opportunity, and in every environment.

Mishaps can occur during combat, exercises, on operations, on temporary additional duty trips or while on liberty. The loss of that Marine or Sailor's expertise has an immediate and negative effect on our ability to complete our mission. We cannot afford to unnecessarily and carelessly lose a Marine, Sailor, or Civilian Marine due to unsafe or undisciplined behavior.

The primary tools we use to mitigate risk are Operational Risk Management (ORM), and engaged leadership at all levels. Force preservation is a leadership responsibility regardless of rank or position. Every member of 3d Intelligence Battalion is responsible for safety awareness and the application of ORM. Every Marine, Sailor, Civilian is a "Safety Officer." **Every Marine and Sailor is responsible for displaying the moral courage to speak up if you witness a potentially hazardous condition or event. Act immediately to stop the unsafe action, and notify your chain of command.**

Protecting the personal safety of everyone working, training, deployed or on liberty is a priority task. In order to do this, we must have an aggressive and complete safety and risk management program implemented through the companies and sections leadership. The Battalion Safety Officer will periodically inspect safety practices and publish guidance and information on specific safety standards for all members of the Battalion.

Good judgment and common sense are essential tools in our safety effort. Leaders will educate our Marines and Sailors on the hazards of alcohol abuse, drinking and driving, speeding, fatigue, distracted driving, water activities, use of personal protective equipment and enforce all standards for safety practices that best reflect the application of ORM in our day-to-day activities.

It is important to understand that the choices we make have consequences that affect not only ourselves, but our unit, fellow Marines and Sailors, as well as our loved ones. I ask every one of you to be conscious of your actions and vigilant in your efforts to be safe in all that you do.

You are a precious asset to your family, unit and our Corps. We need all Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines ready for duty and at the top of their game to maintain our readiness and accomplish all our assigned missions.

For further guidance and assistance on safety and force preservation, contact the 3d Intelligence Battalion Safety Officer, 1stLt Michael P. Lawrence at 315-623-3066 or email Michael.lawrence@usmc.mil.

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