



MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY



June 2012

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany exists to provide the full range of installation support services that enable our tenants to accomplish their mission in support of the Warfighter. Safety is critical to mission success; not just for our mission, but for the entire Marine Corps. We cannot succeed unless we jealously guard our precious resources: our people, our equipment, and our facilities. That means we must include risk management as part of every task, process, and operation - both on duty and after-hours. We simply cannot afford to lose a single person from a mishap.

Safety is a shared responsibility between individuals and their leader. Creating an appropriate command climate rests with me and my subordinate leadership. To achieve this climate, I expect the following from everyone in this command:

- Believe in the value of safety. Safety is about people. Take care of each other.
- Be courageous enough to set and enforce tough and sometimes unpopular standards.
- Possess the integrity to hold each other accountable for violations of safety standards.
- Keep our work areas free of hazards through good housekeeping, thorough inspections, and reporting near misses.
- Do not accept or take shortcuts due to operating tempo. Follow the JHA for the task.
- Use the safety resources provided by your leaders and pay attention during safety training so you can learn correct safety practices.
- Do your part to make MCLB Albany the next Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Star site!

After-hours activities require special emphasis. Too often off-duty mishaps injure and kill Marines. Some after-hours high risk activities include water sports, biking, hunting, motorcycle riding, and shooting sports. All leaders will counsel Marines who are involved in high-risk recreational activities or demonstrate a lack of competence or discipline. Teach them to look out for each other at all times.

Private motor vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of death to Marines. Speeding, distracted driving, driving fatigued, DUI, riding without motorcycle protective gear, and failing to wear seatbelts are rogue behaviors and indicate a lack of self-discipline. Marines involved in PMV mishaps who were not wearing seat belts or motorcycle protective gear may be considered not in the line of duty.

Finally, you are officially appointed as the safety officer for those around you. You are authorized to challenge, stop, or raise the issue to your supervisor or union representative whenever you believe an unsafe action is about to occur.

We have an award-winning safety program at MCLB Albany. I am committed to achieving and sustaining VPP Star status and keeping our Base the safest place in the Marine Corps to work, live, and visit.

 
DONALD J. DAVIS