



**Commanding Officer**  
**1st Network Battalion**

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## ***Safety Policy Statement***

Safety is a matter of combat readiness. If we are truly to perform at a high level, safety must be inherent in all that we do. It is a concern of each Marine, Civilian and Contractor that has the privilege of serving with this Battalion. My policy on safety is simple: everyone is engaged and the management of risk is inherent in everything we do. That's true whether we are conducting physical training events or operations on the network. The point of our Safety Program is to conserve our combat capability.

**Everyone is engaged.** Safety is the responsibility of all of us. Whether you are an individual Marine/Civilian/Contractor performing your day-to-day duties or the Battalion is participating in a major exercise – we will adhere to the four principles of risk management:

- Accept no unnecessary risk
- Anticipate and manage risk by planning
- Make risk decisions at the right level
- Accept risks when the benefits outweigh the cost

If we are to do that effectively, I need everyone involved in the process. Let your leadership know of risks you see. Leaders will ensure planning takes into account possible hazards to activities and seek to mitigate them with controls. This only works if we're all participants in this process.

**Risk Management.** We are in an inherently dangerous profession. Operational Risk Management (ORM) is outlined in MCO 3500.27C and is the process we will apply during planning, operations, training, and non-operational activities. Leaders at all levels will ensure that risk management is the framework that we apply to our activities regardless of whether it must be done in a time-critical manner or if there is the time/space to do so deliberately.

Once again, this is a matter of combat readiness for us to have a culture of safety in this Battalion. I need each and every one of you in this fight.

*Semper Fidelis*

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