



## MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

### Commanding Officer's Statement on Risk Management and Safety



The disciplined application of risk management processes is fundamental to everything we do at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. This commitment to safety is ingrained in our culture, ensuring that all Marines, Sailors and Civilians are prepared to manage risks both on and off duty.

Proactive and continuous risk management is essential for mission success. By identifying and mitigating hazards early, we can reduce risks to the lowest possible levels, protecting our personnel and equipment. Inclusive to this risk is the inherent dangers associated to weather and terrain that are unique to our area of operations but are commonplace to all or our team members. **WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT.** Through proactive intestinal fortitude, our approach not only enhances our operational readiness but also strengthens our credibility as leaders.

Every member of our team is empowered and expected to address unsafe conditions immediately. Whether on duty or off duty, if you see something that poses a risk, you have the authority to call a "training time out" and act. It often takes just one person with the moral courage to speak up to prevent an accident and ensure the safety of the entire team.

Our readiness depends on minimizing avoidable injuries, deaths, and damage to equipment and facilities. These incidents degrade our operational capability and are unacceptable. We need every Marine and Sailor in the fight, ready to perform at their best. In combat, we will reduce risks to the necessary levels to accomplish the mission. In training, anyone can halt an activity if they identify an unacceptable risk, allowing us to reassess and mitigate it before proceeding.

Safety is a personal responsibility that extends to weapons handling, the use of personal protective equipment, sound decision-making, proper hygiene, fitness, hydration, and proficiency in our military occupational specialties. Leaders must teach, coach, mentor, and hold each other accountable to these standards, ensuring that we improve every day.

In summary, safety is a top priority in all our operations and activities. I challenge each of you to be actively engaged in safeguarding our Marines, Sailors, civilians, contractors, and family members at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. By doing so, we ensure that we are always ready to face any challenge and accomplish our mission.

Semper Fidelis,

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J. T. DOAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER