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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE USU BRIGADE

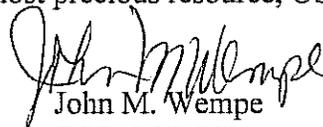
SUBJECT: Brigade Commander's Policy Statement on Safety and Occupational Health

Each member of the Uniformed Services University is an extremely valuable asset. We must make safety/occupational health a priority and ensure that our daily routine consciously reflects decisions which reduce mishaps and protect employee well-being.

Safety is Mission Essential: We effectively accomplish our mission when we provide for the safety and occupational health of all assigned personnel. Therefore, I urge each of you to review your duties and responsibilities to ensure we consistently apply the following six (6) work-related safety factors:

- Incorporate safety and occupational health principles into your daily decision-making processes and work habits.
- Ensure personnel are properly trained in safety practices and how to respond in case of an emergency.
- Encourage personal accountability by complying with relevant standards.
- Be alert and never take shortcuts that could endanger the safety or health of USU personnel or the general public.
- Recognize that continuous safety and occupational health programs are vital to our mission accomplishment.
- Lastly, we must protect our investment in people, training, facilities, and equipment by reducing all forms of preventable loss.

As the Commander, I am personally committed to providing you with a safe and effective work environment. Therefore, anyone witnessing an event/action that poses a threat to life, health, equipment, or building infrastructure is obligated to immediately intervene to eliminate that threat. For advice on matters related to compliance, or to secure advice on any safety-related issues, please call 295-9443 and speak with officials from Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). The bottom line, maintaining a safe work place is everyone's responsibility. Together, we will ensure the continued safety of our most precious resource, USU's personnel.


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