



Air Station Traverse City

Commanding Officer's Safety Policy



We will manage risk on and off duty. We cannot be risk averse and accomplish our mission. Our challenge is to continuously identify risk and mitigate it through sound judgment and decision making.

Operational Risk Management (ORM) will be our guide and a central pillar of our Safety program.

We will maintain a vigilant watch to identify the potential unforeseen mishap whether in the air or on the ground.

When faced with unexpected events in the air, we will aviate, navigate and communicate; on the ground we will stop and seek guidance.

Whether engaged in Coast Guard work or on liberty, making sound decisions will require leadership and the moral fortitude to ask hard questions and when necessary break the chain of events that might otherwise lead to tragedy.

We will foster a transparent command culture that facilitates an environment that is conducive for learning from mistakes and openly sharing lessons learned.

We will conduct Command Climate Surveys, convene evaluation boards, and hold discussions to ensure that we are meeting and exceeding the requirements that allow for a robust safety minded culture.

We will train and designate highly qualified aircrews, both pilots and maintainers, in order to effectively and safely execute our mission.

We will contribute to Coast Guard Aviation safety through timely mishap and maintenance reporting.

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