

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One

Commander's Safety Policy

Assess – Mitigate – Execute



The nation asks Marines to be ready to go into harm's way. We conduct high end training in the most complex environments here at MAWTS-1. Personnel from this squadron are required to operate in locations, environments, and situations that are complicated and dangerous. An effective unit operates safely amongst friction by mitigating the risk to provide the best operating environment for its people. Our enemies will complicate our lives and try to defeat us. If we are unsafe and cause harm or injury to our personnel or equipment, we have given the enemy success without action.

We will **accept no unnecessary risk**. Marines are the United States' force in readiness – if we fail to operate safely, we fail to be ready, and we fail at our mission.

Follow the guidelines (publications, standards, MCOs) and speak up if anything doesn't seem right.

Every person in MAWTS-1 is responsible for safety. I expect every member of our unit to speak up before something goes wrong.

- Know the rules – follow the regulations
- Mitigate risk
- Make risk decisions at the appropriate level
- Re-evaluate risk as the situation/environment changes

Our safety department is actively involved every day to provide the best working environment for every person. Don't hesitate to reach out to any leader in our unit to report safety issues.

If it is preventable – we will prevent it.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ash'.

Phillip T. Ash

Colonel, United States Marine Corps

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