

## 6TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFETY

People are the most important element of 6th Marine Corps District. The injury or death of any team member would have a significant impact on the mission. Similarly, we have limited resources. We cannot afford to lose people or assets to preventable accidents.



Operational Risk Management (ORM) is not complicated. It is not a worksheet. It is a thought process - a way to deliberately think through potential second and third order consequences of an action. Even simple, routine events like a delayed entry program function can go wrong if we do not anticipate problems and mitigate risks. I expect every leader to use the ORM thought process to prepare for all activities.

Driving warrants mention. Driving is the most dangerous thing we do on recruiting duty. Our Marines work long hours and drive significant distances. Drive defensively and cautiously. If you are physically tired and struggling to stay awake, call "safe harbor" to your leaders. We will find a way to get you rested and safely to your destination. There is nothing worth jeopardizing a Marine's or poolees' safety.

Alcohol also deserves mention. If you are going to drink, drink responsibly and have a plan to get home safely. Alcohol related misconduct will not be tolerated.

Think before you act. Have a plan. Protect our most valuable resource - people. The 6th Marine Corps District Safety Officer can be reached at (843) 228-3679.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SE Stephan". The signature is stylized, with the "SE" being large and bold, and "Stephan" written in a cursive script.

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