**6TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT COMMANDING OFFICER’S POLICY ON SAFETY**

*Don’t do dumb things.*

Think through second and third consequences of your actions BEFORE you begin to do them. Even with the simplest pool functions, there is someone responsible for fulfilling the role of a safety officer.

Driving is the most dangerous thing we do on recruiting duty. Drive defensively and courteously and don’t get in a hurry. If you are physically tired and struggling to stay awake on the road, call “safe harbor” to your Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge or Recruiting Station Executive Officer and we will find a way to get you rested so you can get home in one piece.

Operational Risk Management is not just a fancy term. It is the way we make reasonable decisions about how to minimize, mitigate, and finally accept risk rather than simply avert it or ignore it. I expect every Marine to use it in everything from force protection and anti-terrorism, to pool functions and driving home at night.

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