June has been designated by the National Safety Council as National Safety Month. It is also the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer and a great time to recommit ourselves to being aware of the risks we face every day, both on and off-duty. Because of this, the Marine Corps has designated June as Risk Awareness Month to increase awareness of on and off duty risks and to highlight the significant increase in mishaps across the service from both operational and recreational activities during the busy summer months. During the 2023 101 Critical Days of Summer, the Marine Corps and Navy lost 27 servicemembers, the equivalent of two squads of personnel, to preventable off-duty mishaps.

2. During Risk Awareness Month, Commanders are to dedicate approximately a half day to risk awareness training and discussions, which could be incorporated into unit 101 Critical Days of Summer Training. This awareness training shall consist of, at least, the following:

2.a. An organized, all-hands 3-4-hour training regimen that
identifies and educates personnel on the events that historically injure and/or kill our servicemembers and their families. Unit leaders may use, but are not limited to, the following topics:

2.a.1. On-duty topics: live-fire training mishaps, weapon handling/negligent discharge events, tactical/combat vehicle mishaps, fall-related mishaps, and physical training events.

2.a.2. Off-duty topics: private motor vehicle mishaps (both two and four-wheeled), fatigue-related mishaps, water activity mishaps, firework mishaps, and personal firearm mishaps.

2.a.3. Following the organized training session, Marines, Sailors, and civilians will be provided time to conduct personal risk assessments for items relevant to off-duty safety measures. Personal vehicle checklist items for two and four-wheeled vehicles, home smoke alarm testing and battery changes, fire extinguisher inspections, proper firearm storage, trigger/gun lock review, family supervision practices for children, and fire/emergency drills are potential topics.

2.b. Read the Secretary of Defense’s “Message to the Force-101 Critical Days of Summer” message and the Secretary of the Navy’s “101 Critical Days of Summer” message, ALNAV 48/24, released jointly by the Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, General Eric M. Smith, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Lisa Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations. Both documents can be found on the Commandant of the Marine Corps Safety Division (CMC SD) Sharepoint Site.

2.b.1. CMC SD Sharepoint Website link: https://usmc.sharepoint.mil.us/sites/USMC_Safety

2.c. Viewing of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Summer Safety video available on the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service’s (dvids) and the CMC SD websites.
2.c.1. DVIDs website link:

2.c.2. CMC SD Public Website link:
https://www.safety.mil

2.c.3. CMC SD Sharepoint Website link:
https://usmc.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/USMC_Safety

2.d. Additional resources for this initiative can be found at the following links:
2.d.1. Naval Safety Command website:
https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Stand-Down/Safety-Stand-Down


3. Complete these tasks during June.
4. The Marine Corps is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all its personnel, both military and civilian employees, and their families. The loss of one is one too many!
5. Release authorized by Lieutenant General Gregg P. Olson, Director, Marine Corps Staff.//