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1. Quarterly Analysis Report #3 Released – The third Naval Safety Center Hazard and Mishap Analysis for FY15 has been released. The 93-page report contains two sections. Part One is for United States Fleet Forces Command and United States Pacific Fleet. Part Two is for the Systems Commands and Shore Infrastructure. The report includes mishap and hazrep trends; platform-specific operational, occupational, and equipment safety hazards and causal factors by community; and recommended courses of action. The report also updates the status of formal safety investigation board and aviation mishap board endorsements, as well as the status of mishap recommendations resulting from these investigations. NAVSAFECEN’s Aviation Programs and Afloat Programs Directorates include platform-specific analysts. The Shore Safety Programs Directorate has experts in safety and occupational health, high-risk training, off-duty, recreational, and motor vehicle safety. The analysts work with the command’s statisticians and database managers to create the analysis and findings in the report.

If you’d like a copy of the report, email safe-mediafdbk@navy.mil from a .mil email account.

2. Safety Excellence Awards Presented – Sailors, Marines and civilians were recognized for their exceptional safety performance and environmental stewardship during FY14. Twenty-six Secretary of the Navy Environmental and Safety Excellence Awards were presented at the July 23 at the Navy Memorial Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. It was the first time that the awards were presented at the same time.

Each command awarded was recognized as the best among the entire Navy. "Being awarded the Emerging Center of Safety Excellence Award from the deputy secretary of the Navy is an extreme honor," said CDR Stephen Petras, Carrier Strike Group 4’s safety officer. "I think it shows safety as a priority of the Navy, but also highlights not just me, but my command, as it’s truly dedicated to maintaining their Sailors."

According to SECNAV Ray Mabus, the objective of the Environmental and Safety Excellence Awards is to highlight activities that have excelled in improving warfighting and mission readiness through professional risk management in the elimination of preventable deaths, injuries, occupational illnesses, infrastructure and materiel losses, and mission degradation. The awards emphasize the unique importance of safety as a top Department of the Navy priority. The winners are:

- Ashore Category: U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center (SRF-JRMC)
- Afloat Category: USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)
- Aviation Category: Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 (VMGR-252)
- Expeditionary Category: II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF)
- Off-Duty Safety Category: Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort
- Safety Integration in Acquisition Category: Virginia Class Submarine Integrated System Safety Team
- Emerging Safety Center of Excellence Category: Carrier Strike Group 4 (CSG4)

Photos from SECNAV awards are at https://www.flickr.com/gp/135087915/N04/0n6n12.
3. **New Course at Naval School of Aviation Safety** – At the end of August 2015, the Naval School of Aviation Safety at NAS Pensacola will kick off the Aviation Safety Manager course of instruction. This five-day course is designed to provide high-level safety education and refresher training for aviation safety officers, emphasizing the supervision and safety-assurance functions of the safety management system. The prerequisite for the ASM course is successful graduation from the Naval School of Aviation Safety’s Aviation Safety Officer course. The ASM course of instruction will focus on duties and responsibilities of those aviation safety officers serving in billets as Wings, CAGs, MAGs, TYCOMS, Controlling Custodians, and other higher headquarters staffs that have significant safety oversight responsibilities within the Naval Aviation Safety Management System. The course will also serve to fulfill the ASO refresher training requirements outlined in OPNAVINST 3750.6S Chapter 1.

4. **Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center FY16 Training Schedule Released** – The Naval Safety Center’s subordinate command, the Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center (NAVSAFENVTRACEN), has just released the FY16 training schedule. It includes 40 different safety, industrial hygiene, emergency response and environmental courses for a total of 433 class convenings. Courses vary in length from 4 hours to 40 hours depending upon the requirements and depth of the material presented.

   Training is available via resident courses at the Training Center (SP-17) on Norfolk Naval Station and at various locations world-wide, conducted by Navy mobile training teams and contractors. NAVSAFENVTRACEN also offers online distance learning through the Sakai Learning Management System, a distance-learning platform where instructor-led courses are provided in a Global Online delivery venue. Five courses are new or have been converted to an online format.


5. **Respiratory Protection Webinar** – The next DOD-sponsored webinar deals with respiratory protection, another in their series on the OSHA Top 10 most cited standards. The webinar is on August 27th at 1:00 PM (EDT). During FY14, the respiratory-protection standard was the fourth most cited standard. The webinar will define the standard (29 CFR 1910.134) and explain the requirements of the standard, focusing on the most frequently cited sub-sections. The webinar will describe elements of a respiratory-protection program, cover common hazards and illustrate safe versus unsafe working conditions. Course information is at [https://smscx.org/index.cfm/?CourseInformation/89/](https://smscx.org/index.cfm/?CourseInformation/89/).