Navy Releases Physiological Episodes Report

The Navy has released the results of a comprehensive review conducted to determine the potential causes of and recommendations to eliminate physiological episodes (PEs) within naval aviation. The document – available on a website dedicated to PE – examined the facts, circumstances and processes surrounding the recent episodes involving T-45 and FA-18 aircrew, including how these issues have been addressed. The redacted report, along with additional links to the Navy blog and a video interview with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson, is available on the Navy’s website at www.navy.mil/local/pes.

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Safety Award Submissions Due January 15, 2018

The CNO Safety Awards Program has traditionally emphasized quantitative criteria such as the smallest total number of mishaps and the lowest mishap rate. However, these annual awards also provide an opportunity to incentivize and recognize the successful application of high velocity learning (HVL) principles to command safety culture. For more information about the HVL criteria, please contact the representative for each award category below.

Aviation-Related Safety Awards: Requirements for the CNO Aviation Safety Award, the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award, the Naval Aviation Readiness Through Safety Award, the Admiral Russell Naval Aviation Flight Safety Award, and the Grampaw Pettibone Award are defined in enclosure (1) of OPNAVINST 1650.28B (Chief of Naval Operations Aviation, Afloat, Shore, Expeditionary-Related and Safety Leadership Awards Program). Please see page 7 of OPNAVINST 1650.28B for detailed instructions on how to qualify for the awards and the submission requirements. Submit nominations for the CNO Aviation Safety Award, the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award and Grampaw Pettibone Award to the Naval Safety Center by Jan. 15, 2018.

There are no submissions required for the Naval Aviation Readiness Through Safety Award and the Admiral Russell Naval Aviation Flight Safety Award. COMNAVSAFECEN will select the winner and make arrangements for award presentation. For more information, contact edward.thompson@navy.mil.

Afloat Safety Award: The CNO Afloat Safety Award can be awarded to any commissioned afloat naval unit and Commander, Military Sealift Command (COMSC) ship. For details about the competitive categories, please see subparagraphs 2a(1) through 2a(4) of OPNAVINST 1650.28B. Submission deadline is Jan. 15, 2018. For afloat safety award information, contact james.j.kim@navy.mil.

Shore Safety Award: The CNO Shore Safety Award recognizes outstanding efforts in risk management and mishap prevention. The award also recognizes a command with the best overall safety program. In addition to outstanding safety records, activities selected must have aggressive, innovative mishap prevention programs. See enclosure 3 of OPNAVINST 1650.28B. Submission deadline is Jan. 15, 2018. For shore safety award information, contact stanley.willingham@navy.mil.

Fall/Winter Safety Presentation

From Thanksgiving through New Year’s, ensure that everyone takes every step necessary to avoid mishaps. Because this is a period commonly used for winter leave and vacation, more people will be on the road to visit family and friends for the holidays. The 2017 fall/winter safety presentation is now online. DOWNLOAD ▶

Winter Season Survival Guide

The winter season is upon us, which may mean snow, ice, sleet, rain, and freezing temperatures. This time of year, it’s nice to see snow blanketing the streets, trees and rivers, but it can also be dangerous if you’re not careful. With that in mind, we would like to share some of our best tips and resources so you may have an enjoyable and safe winter season. You may print this as a handout at your next safety standdown or pull information to include in your newsletter or Plan of the Day/Week.

Our seasonal safety resources page online has also been updated. You can browse content including presentations, POD notes, ORM resources, seasonal statistics, safety tips by topic, downloadable posters, and safety slogans. Online resources include links to safety partners including the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, American Red Cross, and National Safety Council.

SEASONAL RESOURCES ▶

Going Somewhere? Plan Ahead

Before hitting the road this holiday season, make sure to stay on top of your planning checklist. The travel risk planning system (TRIPS) will help you plan for the unexpected and reinforce common-sense driving skills, such as staying alert, not drinking, getting adequate sleep, wearing your seatbelt, and slowing down. It includes accident real-life stories that happened to Service Members who, like you, were driving home on leave. Do your part. Fill out TRIPS and have your supervisor review it. Be aware of driving risks and take appropriate action. USE TRIPS ▶

Downloadable posters, and safety slogans. Online resources include links to safety partners including the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, American Red Cross, and National Safety Council.
Flight Helmet Cords Can Impede Emergency Egress
Understand the hazard of direct-to-airframe cord connections

A safety alert bulletin from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) provides detailed information about the hazard of direct-to-airframe cord connections. The bulletin addresses a major problem during emergency egress: in the event of an accident or emergency in which an aircraft occupant wearing a flight helmet needs to egress quickly (such as a ditching, water impact or fire), fast and unimpeded egress from the aircraft is essential for survival. Direct-to-airframe intercommunication system (ICS) cord connections between the flight helmet and the airframe can impede egress during an accident or emergency.

The bulletin provides tips on how to avoid adverse outcomes by educating crew and passengers about proper egress procedures, using a compatible intermediate cord for a clean egress, and ensuring that ICS cords are secured from potential snags. The NTSB has produced a video regarding this issue, which includes one investigator’s tips on what you can do to be prepared and alleviate the hazard of direct-to-airframe ICS cord connections.

Image source: NTSB.gov

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Approach, Mech, Sea&Shore Back in Print Circulation

The return of our print magazines starts with the release of Approach and Sea&Shore later this year; the next issue of Mech will be released in Spring 2018. We will publish these magazines according to the following schedule: Approach, quarterly; Mech and Sea&Shore, semiannual; Ride, every other year.

We appreciate your dedicated support through article submissions. So we may better serve you, please continue to send us articles and stories about your best practices, lessons learned, risk-management initiatives, and safety promotion efforts.

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What would you do in case of a disaster? Get your emergency preparedness and response kit ready.

The Ready Navy website offers information and resources to help you prepare for emergencies. For more information, please call (202) 433-9348, DSN 288-9348 or email readynavy@navy.mil.

Hot Topics and Trends

Return to Home Port CD Distribution

It is so important that our personnel take a risk-management mindset with them when they return from deployment and enjoy some well-deserved liberty and leave. They head down the gangplank and off to have fun, to meet families and loved ones, to spend time at home or to take part in sports and outdoor activities. And along with all these positives, they encounter unfamiliar risks and uncontrolled hazards.

This CD contains some resources to help get Sailors and Marines thinking the right way as they get in their cars and on their motorcycles and fan out across the base, the local area or the rest of the U.S. The CD is now available for distribution and will be mailed to those who have requested ahead. To get your copy of the Return to Home Port CD, send an email to safe-mediafdbk@navy.mil or contact (757) 444-3520, ext. 7870.

Motorcycle Mishap-Reduction Efforts

MSR Training: The Naval Safety Center traffic safety team has wrapped up the MSR roadshow, an initiative to train and educate motorcycle safety representatives in fleet concentration areas. The roadshow was part of our mishap-reduction initiative to address the rising fatalities resulting from motorcycle mishaps. In FY17, the Navy experienced 284 motorcycle mishaps. Tragically, 21 of these mishaps were fatal. If you have feedback or suggestions about this training, please email michael.borkowski@navy.mil.

Motorcycle Rider & MSR Resource Kit: We have developed a resource library that includes training materials provided during the MSR roadshow. We’ve sorted the information into categories such as ESAMS, forms, motorcycle mentorship, motorcycle safety messages, multimedia resources, presentations, reference material, and statistics.

DOWNLOAD FROM CAC-ENABLED SITE

Motorcycle Videos: A collection of short and full-length videos are now available on our YouTube channel and the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System. A popular series called “My Story...” is a collection of short videos featuring Service Members who have encountered near-mishaps and survived minor injuries.

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