

Safety Stripes



Shipmates Helping Shipmates, The VP-8 Way!

Introduction:

As we near to the mid-way point of deployment, it is imperative that we continue to value safety as our priority. The Fighting Tiger Safety Department, has identified a few trends throughout the command so far this deployment; which include:

- Injuries occurring from participating in sports and exercise.
- Ground support equipment impacting individual's feet during routine evolutions.
- Tripping over rocky terrain.

These accidents are all avoidable. It is easy to go through the motions of work, especially routines that you have completed for the umpteenth time or push a bit too hard while playing basketball for bragging rights. Prior to your next work center evolution or group sport activity, discuss Operational Risk Management. Talk about the risks associated and how you plan to mitigate the risks. We need all of our Fighting Tigers healthy to finish this deployment Tiger STRONG!

By: LTJG Johnson, D.

Bravo Zulu:

AM2 Spencer Berg's superb attention to detail while performing fuel samples on aircraft 159318 led to the discovery of two cracks on the starboard flap well. Upon further investigation nine total cracks were found on the panel and the ribs that support the airframe. These actions led to his selection as our nomination for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Safety Pro for February 2014.

Safety Department Reminders:

- Please have Safety PRO nominations into the Safety Department by the 15th of each month. If any additional questions please contact anyone in the Safety Department.
- The "Any Mouse" box is now relocated to outside of the Safety/NATOPS tent. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO USE IT!

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Closing:

Here are few points to close with:



Regardless of our safety record thus far on deployment, accidents do occur...



Always report unsafe practices or provide suggestions if you think something can be improved upon. You have the option to contact the Safety Department directly or drop a card in the "Any Mouse" box...



Do not sacrifice your safety or the safety of other's around you just to get a job done more efficiently or quickly.