

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY IS THE JUICE WORTH THE SQUEEZE?

"For we serve in a Corps with no institutional confusion about or purpose:

To Fight! To Fight Well!"

-General James Mattis



At Marine Corps Air Station New River, safety isn't just a priority – priorities can come and go – **Safety is infused into everything we do, at every level, and must be incorporated into every plan, decision, and action.** Priorities can change, but our commitment to safe, effective operations remains constant.

I challenge every Sailor, Marine, and civilian on station to ask themselves prior to an evolution, "Is the juice worth the squeeze?" This simple question has served me well over the years. It's not a replacement for the risk management (RM) process, but a complementary check. The question is not about caution – it's about deliberate and disciplined action. If, prior to an evolution, you ask yourself "Is the juice worth the squeeze?" and the answer is no because you see a risk of injury, damage, etc. then stop the evolution – rethink, regroup, reset! Most importantly ACT and STOP the bad thing from happening before it's too late!

Each member of MCAS New River is empowered – regardless of rank or position – to stop any action or process that doesn't look right. This isn't just your responsibility, but it's your duty. If something doesn't look right... feel right... if you believe the "juice isn't worth the squeeze" because of a potential safety issue, you have both the authority and obligation to call a halt regardless of rank or experience! Our ability to "Fight and Fight well!" depends on every Marine and civilian owning the mission – identifying, managing, mitigating, and appropriately elevating risk decisions in order to maximize readiness, preserve our people, our equipment, and prevent unforced errors.

Remember to ask "Is the juice worth the squeeze?" Safety isn't just a priority, it's infused into everything we do.

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