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From: Chief of Naval Operations

To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF NAVAL
SAFETY CENTER

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.8G

Encl: (1) Mission and functions assigned to Naval
Safety Center

1. Purpose. To revise and issue the mission and functions to be performed by the Naval Safety Center.

2. Cancellation. OPNAV Instruction 5450.180B

3. Status and Command Relationships. Naval Safety Center is a shore activity in an active operating status under direct command of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). The Commander, Naval Safety Center serves additional duty within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Assistant for Safety Matters (OP-09F). Commander, Naval Safety Center reports to Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia for area coordination.

4. Action. To accomplish the assigned mission and to carry out responsibilities of the Department of the Navy Safety and Occupational Safety and Health Program as established by reference (a), Commander, Naval Safety Center will ensure that the functions prescribed in enclosure (1) are accomplished.

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MISSION AND FUNCTIONS FOR NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

A. MISSION

Assist the Chief of Naval Operations in the prevention of mishaps and in promoting and monitoring safety. Collect, evaluate and provide information pertaining to mishaps and occupational illnesses. Maintain a repository for injury, occupational illness and property damage reports and publish statistical data on such reports. Initiate and conduct informal investigations into all phases of safety in order to develop recommendations for formulating safety policy necessary to maintain the highest level of combat readiness. Establish and maintain direct liaison with all levels of the Navy, other government agencies and private organizations engaged in hazard awareness.

B. FUNCTIONS

1. Provides staff support to the CNO in the implementation of the Navy Safety and Occupational Safety and Health Program.
2. Provides direct staff support and assistance on safety and occupational safety and health matters to primary program sponsors designated in reference (a).
3. Develops and provides a Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Program directed toward all Navy military on and off duty and on all duty civilian personnel who utilize government and/or privately owned vehicles. Develops traffic safety training courses.
4. Develops, maintains and coordinates the Navy's Forces Afloat Hazardous Material/Hazardous Waste Minimization Program.
5. Develops and manages the Navy's Recreation, Athletics, and Home Safety Program and provides guidance to military personnel and their dependents regarding accident prevention for a wide range of pursuits involving home and recreational activities.
6. Conducts safety and occupational safety and health surveys of the naval operating forces and the shore establishment as requested.
7. Provides advice and assistance, as requested, to the Naval Inspector General and the President, Board of Inspections and Surveys.

Enclosure (1)

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8. Prepares and maintains basic safety program manuals, as directed and assists appropriate offices, commands or agencies in the preparation of general or specific safety related operating instructions, as requested.
9. Maintains liaison with naval commands and offices to ensure knowledge of and to recommend remedial action on factors adversely affecting safety and occupational safety and health.
10. Maintains liaison with other government agencies and private organizations engaged in hazard awareness for exchange of information in furtherance of mishap prevention in the Navy.
11. Maintains a library of research, technical development, and survival information to ensure an optimum hazard awareness program.
12. Maintains a repository for mishap, occupational illness and hazard reports and publishes statistical data on loss, and evaluates such information for significance and trends.
13. Provides mishap statistical research services and conducts special analytical studies on naval mishap data.
14. Conducts continuing analysis to identify human factors, inadequate maintenance techniques, deficiencies in design, insufficiency of technical publications and shortage of repair parts and equipment which may be factors contributing to mishaps or may hazard operations. Conducts research into remedial techniques for modifying human behavior leading to mishaps.
15. Develops and reviews procedures and standards for the conduct of accident investigations; conducts independent investigations of significant mishaps involving naval activities.
16. Provides representation to and/or sponsors conferences, symposia, seminars, and adhoc groups in furtherance of Department of the Navy mishap prevention programs.
17. Promotes interest in mishap prevention through hazard awareness by developing and providing naval commands, bureaus, offices and activities with safety informational material for use in conducting mishap prevention programs.
18. Participates in all aspects of naval safety education and training.

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19. As directed, provides membership on review boards and advisory councils such as Naval Aviation Training and Operations (NATOPS) Advisory Council, and Naval Aviation Maintenance Program (NAMP) Policy Committee.

20. Manages the Individual Flight Activity Reporting System (IFARS) and maintains flight time data for all aeronautically designated naval officers.

21. Develops and administers safety award programs and recommends final selection of winning units.

22. Assists CNO (OP-09F) in developing system safety policy and guidance and overall Navy system safety education, training, and certification programs. Construct and maintain a directory of system safety personnel and projects. Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of system safety programs.

Participate in reviews/surveys of system safety programs. Identify areas within the Navy requiring specific system safety research and support and fund system safety research projects.

23. Maintains a recognized data repository covering each dive made by U.S. Navy divers and provides information based upon analysis of this data, including medical aspects and equipment. Conducts divers' safety surveys. Publishes information to forces afloat concerning diving safety.

24. In all the aforementioned areas makes appropriate and timely recommendations to the Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps and their subordinate commands on remedial actions required in the interest of readiness through safety and occupational safety and health.

25. Unless otherwise directed, the Safety Center's mission does not include nuclear safety related to nuclear propulsion and nuclear weapons.