Subj: SAFETY STANDDOWN AND BACK-IN-THE-SADDLE PROGRAMS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3750.6R

1. Purpose. To establish policy and criteria for the conduct of Safety Standdown and Back-in-the-Saddle programs within the Naval Air Training Command (NATRACOM).

2. Cancellation. CNATRAINST 3750.24E

3. Background. Safety Standdowns aid in a command's overall mishap prevention program by reinforcing a safety awareness atmosphere. An opportunity is provided for all hands to receive safety briefings firsthand, exchange safety ideas, point out safety discrepancies and initiate or recommend corrective action. Back-in-the-Saddle programs provide an opportunity, after a prolonged non-flying period or leave of absence, for personnel to re-sharpen their skills and knowledge prior to resumption of full flight training.

4. Policy. Safety Standdown and Back-in-the-Saddle programs shall be conducted by all NATRACOM units involved in the operation of aircraft to include Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) Contract Administration Units (CAU). One Safety Standdown or Back-in-the-Saddle event each quarter is the minimum requirement. Back-in-the-Saddle programs shall be conducted prior to resumption of full flight training after designated holiday leave periods. Additionally, each Training Air Wing (TRAWING) Commander, squadron Commanding Officer, and CNATRA CAU Officer in Charge is responsible for initiating full or partial standdowns as required to correct any noted deficiencies or trends that indicate less than complete dedication to the aviation and general safety program.

5. Action

a. TRAWING Commanders

(1) Implement the requirements of this instruction and reference (a) and oversee implementation by subordinate units.
(2) Require maximum participation by instructors, students, enlisted and civilian personnel. Participation by Contractor Instructors is highly encouraged.

(3) Forward a consolidated Safety Standdown after action report to CNATRA (00X) when higher authority directed standdowns are conducted.

b. Commanding Officers and CNATRA CAU Officers in Charge

(1) Implement the requirements of this instruction.

(2) Ensure command-wide Safety Standdowns and Back-in-the-Saddle programs are planned well in advance to provide attendees with an organized, interesting and dynamic program.

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