

22 Dec 08

MEMORANDUM

From: Safety Officer
To: Commander, Training Air Wing FOUR
Via: Chief Staff Officer

Subj: TALKING POINTS FOR 5 JAN 08 SAFETY STAND DOWN

1. Subject talking points follow:

a. **Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)**

(1) In November, I read to you a letter of condolence to a family that lost their son (1Lt Jesse Alne). As Commodore, what I dread most is to write one of these letters. Your responsibility to financially assist your loved ones is critically important should a catastrophe occur. SGLI is a VA program that provides low cost group life insurance to members of the Uniformed Services.

(a). The new 2009 rates are 6.5 cents per \$10,000 or \$27 per month for the maximum of \$400,000.

(b). Other life insurance plans available to you are: Family SGLI and Traumatic Injury Protection. Commercial insurance programs are available to you with similar coverage plans.

(c). Our recent loss was an example of the service member not accepting the maximum (\$27/month), selecting rather a minimum coverage of \$4/month leaving his family with overwhelming costs of travel, hotels, and funeral arrangements. A difference of \$23 in this case could have eased the family transition during this difficult time. Food for thought.

b. Feedback on questionnaires filled out at last SSD (26 Nov 08):

(1)WHAT IS WRONG WITH FLT WX BRIEFER?

Highest Reply: "Navy Flt WX Briefer (web) is not user friendly."
Fix #1: No username/password required - CAC (ID Card only)
Fix #2: If no web service, use Flight WX phone: 1-888-PILOT-WX
Fix #3: Forecast Center can create duty accounts for Canned Brfs

(2)WHAT CHANGES TO THE ASAP PROGRAM TO IMPROVE SAFETY?

Highest Replies: "ASAP Program needs to be scrapped" / "Make it optional" / "Use Greensheets instead of ASAP." Previous suggestions have been to modify the questions to collect data on

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particular subject matters, or to have the requirement to fill in the survey as a crew rather than as individuals. Some suggest the lack of non-retribution keeps them from using it. Discussion?

c. FY-09 Navy mishaps

(1) Across the Naval Aviation Enterprise, we're not doing very well so far this fiscal year.

(2) There have been five Class A mishaps so far (three Class A Flight Mishaps, two Class A Flight Related Mishaps):

(a) 20 Oct 08: P-3C departed runway after landing. No injuries. (FM)

(b) 20 Oct 08: OH-58C rolled over on landing. No injuries. (FM)

(c) 04 Oct 08: Helicopter struck tailboom of lead helicopter during landing resulting in hard landing and rollover. 1 non-DOD fatality. (FM)

(d) 27 Oct 08: Sonar transducer separated from MH-60R during dipping operations. (FRM)

(e) 04 Oct 08J: F/A-18F struck a Sailor on flight deck during catapult launch. 1 fatality. (FRM)

(3) In FY-08, we had 17 **total** Class A mishaps (15 FMs & two Aviation Ground Mishaps). TAKEAWAY: IN JUST THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, WE'VE HAD ALMOST 30% OF THE CLASS A MISHAPS WE HAD ALL LAST FISCAL YEAR.

(4) Takeaway: Don't be a statistic. Use ORM & CRM to keep yourself safe.

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