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**VT-86 COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY**

1. The mission of VT-86 is to produce the world's finest Naval Flight Officers for the Navy, Marine Corps, and our allied partners. We will accomplish our mission by ensuring we utilize safe and effective practices and procedures, as well as implement risk management tools at every level.
2. There is no task in this squadron so important that it must be executed at the expense of safety. Aviation is an unforgiving business. It is imperative that we remain constantly vigilant and focus on solid execution and adherence to established policies, standards, and instructions. It is my job to foster a culture that facilitates these practices, however, I cannot do it alone. I expect each and every Sabrehawk to act professionally in all endeavors and set the example for others follow.
3. Safety must be at the forefront of every activity and is only possible with a unified effort. I expect everyone in VT-86 to prevent mishaps from occurring by practicing Operational Risk Management (ORM) and making sound decisions both on and off duty. Don't just observe or identify a problem, take initiative to find a solution. Report hazards to the chain of command using the best means available – verbal, ASAP, written reports, or Anymouse. If you see an unsafe situation developing, intervene and stop it, whether on the flight line, at home, or out in town.
4. We are professional Naval Aviators and Flight Officers. Considering the repetitive nature of CNATRA flight operations, we must consciously work to fight complacency. This is only accomplished by knowing our governing policies and procedures cold, and strictly adhering to NATOPS and training rules. I entrust my flight leads and aircrew to make sound and informed decisions regarding flight safety, and I know you won't let me down.
5. I firmly believe that safety is an outcome of a healthy command climate. If we look out for one another, communicate effectively at all levels, constantly renew and challenge our professional skills, while maintaining an optimistic attitude founded on mutual dignity and respect, safe flight operations will occur naturally.
6. Our material assets are limited in quantity and incredibly expensive. Our people are irreplaceable. As members of the Sabrehawk team, let's all work together to protect them both.

  
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