

WORK ZONE

The aviation directorate at the Naval Safety Center has the analysts and subject-matter experts to support your aviation safety programs. Our aviation staff and their contact information appears on the inside front cover of this magazine—their job is to help you do your job better. This page provides information and resources from our staff to help the aviation community reduce mishaps, and continually improve naval aviation every flight, every mission, every day toward zero mishap operations.

Need more info? Visit our website: www.safetycenter.navy.mil. Then click on the aviation web section or use the search mode to get specific information. For the aviation safety officers, there's a wealth of info on our site to help you do your job better—to help your command do better—to improve.

Safety Surveys

- When was your squadron's last safety survey? You should have a survey every two years. To get on the schedule, contact LCdr. Gretchen Swanson at: (757) 444-3520 ext. 7276 (DSN 564) or email at: Gretchen.swanson@navy.mil.
- Our survey team's objective is to review the way each unit conducts business and offer constructive feedback for improvement. This is not an inspection and the information we provide stays with the skipper.

Culture Workshops

- Communication can either make or break an organization. The Safety Center can help out by providing commanding officers insight into the "culture" of their organization. Our POC is Cdr. Buc Owens (757) 444-3520 ext. 7210 (DSN 564), email at: donald.owens@navy.mil. Visit our CW webpage at: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/culture/

Anymouse Programs

- The Anymouse program has a long tradition in naval aviation. The idea of giving anyone the opportunity to report incidents, behaviors, or near-accidents anonymously dates back to the late 1940s. The intent of the reports back then is the same today: reduce mishaps.
- Does your command encourage inputs that will improve your safety posture? Is your Anymouse program effective?

DOD HFACS

- Human factors are the most commonly cited cause for all mishaps, with more than 80 percent of all mishaps attributable to human factors failures at some level. LCdr. Deborah White, on our aeromedical staff, is our POC for HFACS and can answer your questions. Contact her at (757) 444 3520 ext. 7231 (DSN 564) or email at: deborah.j.white@navy.mil. Visit our HFACS webpage to learn more about recent initiatives: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/hfacs/.

Can You Hear Me Now?

Did you know?

The No. 1 most prevalent Veteran Administration disability claim is hearing loss. All services combined, claims totaled over \$633 million in 2004, over \$6.7 billion since 1977, and the trend is upward. Improvements to hearing protection are being made.

- A new communication earplug called Mini CEP, developed by Naval Air Systems Command, provides added hearing protection by reducing undesirable noise while channeling through speech sounds.

- To learn more about the Mini CEP, read an article by Valerie Bjorn and Jim Wilt, "Communication Earplug Approved for Naval Aviator Use." It is on our website at: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/aviation/articles/earplug.htm.