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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Air Force Safety Center (AFSC).

***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. This document is revised to reflect the current organization designation and requirements.

**1. Mission.** The mission of the Air Force Safety Center (AFSC) is to develop policy, provide guidance, education, training, and oversight of the Air Force Safety and Nuclear Surety programs to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of safety education and training, risk management, and mishap prevention. These programs cover aviation, ground, space, conventional and nuclear weapons, directed energy, human factors and other emerging technologies to include Safety and Nuclear Surety education and training support of the Air Force mission. The overall purpose of Safety and Nuclear Surety policies and programs are to prevent the unnecessary loss of personnel, facilities, equipment, and resources, preserve and enhance the combat capability of the Air Force and ensure compliance with DoD Nuclear Weapons System Safety Standards. The goal is to conserve Air Force resources by eliminating mishaps through proactive hazard identification, and risk management consistent with operational requirements. This authority is delegated by the Secretary of the Air Force through the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for

Installations, Environment and Logistics (SAF/IE) in HAF MD 1-18, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations, Environment And Logistics), and is further delegated to the Air Force Chief of Safety (AF/SE) through the Chief of Staff of the Air Force in HAF MD 1-46, Chief of Safety.

**2. Command.** The AFSC Commander:

2.1. Serves as the Air Force Chief of Safety (AF/SE), and reports directly to Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF).

2.2. Interacts and communicates directly with all major commands (MAJCOM), direct reporting units (DRU), and field operating agencies (FOA), as well as all official government and DoD agencies on safety tasks for which AFSC has assigned responsibility.

2.3. Air Force Deputy Chief of Safety also acts as the Safety Center Executive Director and handles day-to-day operation of the Center and the programs assigned to Air Force Safety.

2.4. The AFSC is organized as a FOA.

**3. Responsibilities.** AFSC will:

3.1. Develop Safety and Nuclear Surety program management policy.

3.2. Develop and maintain an effective safety management system and record keeping database.

3.3. Develop and conduct AF Safety education and training.

3.4. Develop and maintain instructions governing AF mishap prevention and mishap investigation and act as final authority in interpretations of 91-series instructions.

3.5. Develop and manage AF-level programs to aid in mishap prevention.

3.6. Develop and maintain capability to provide commanders with technical assistance for mishap prevention and investigation.

3.7. Review and evaluate mishap investigation reports and track mishap recommendations through completion.

3.8. Manage AF mishap prevention education and media information through safety education, AF Crash Laboratory training, recurring magazine publications, safety videos, online, web-based, and social media content.

3.9. Evaluate the compliance of MAJCOM safety and mishap prevention programs.

3.10. Manage and administer the AF Safety Awards Program.

3.11. Manage and administer the AF Risk Management (RM) Program.

3.12. Develop Air Force Occupational Safety (AFOSH) standards. Monitor and evaluate AFOSH programs to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

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