



## 908th Flying Training Wing Commander's

# EMPHASIS ON EXPLOSIVE SAFETY



The 908th Flying Training Wing's Explosives Mishap Prevention Program is established to eliminate mishaps and incidents with explosives. We achieve this objective through proper risk management. The procedures and practices we follow must always comply with applicable directives.

Providing fully trained combat forces requires the ceaseless efforts of all commanders, supervisors, and workers who apply sound principles to minimize risk while achieving the mission. Storing, handling, and transporting munitions have inherent risks which must be mitigated. Our material assets are more costly than ever, but our Airmen are our most precious resources. You are irreplaceable.

All Airmen, no matter the rank, must analyze their functional areas and identify hazards. Hazards must be promptly assessed, and the appropriate decision maker must then select the necessary controls to reduce or eliminate the risk of encountering the hazard. I expect supervisors and commanders to properly implement the necessary controls. This requires active supervision, evaluation of leaders and honest feedback from all workers on the effectiveness of their plans.

I challenge all personnel involved with handling explosives to ensure that complacency and compromise always remain absent from the workplace. Mishaps do not just happen, they are caused. Shortfalls in individual judgement, preparation, and risk management are unacceptable when explosives are involved. There is no margin for error.

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